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Forest Service approves Savoy gas well, appeals expected

Anglers, Gillard, Sierra Club all
vow to fight proposed project

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

The Forest Service recently issued a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in regard to Savoy Energy's proposed gas well near the Mason Tract section of the AuSable River, in the Huron-Manistee National Forest. While a permit from the Bureau of Land Management is still needed, a FONSI allows Savoy to proceed with their intent to drill.

A strong appeal of the Forest Service decision is expected from local and national conservation and environmental groups.

Leanne Marten, Forest Supervisor of the Huron-Manistee National Forest, said that the issuing of a FONSI found a balance between public use and protection of natural resources.

"I know that not everyone will be happy with this decision, but I hope people will recognize that forest management must be

based on laws, regulations and science," Marten said.

"We're disappointed but not surprised. Regrettably this may need to be solved in the courts, which is what we and other organizations are preparing to do," said Anglers of the AuSable director Lance Weyeneth. Weyeneth added that the appeal would probably happen in less than 45 days.

Marvin Roberson, forest policy specialist with the Sierra Club, said that he expected the Sierra Club to appeal the ruling, probably in tandem with the Anglers.

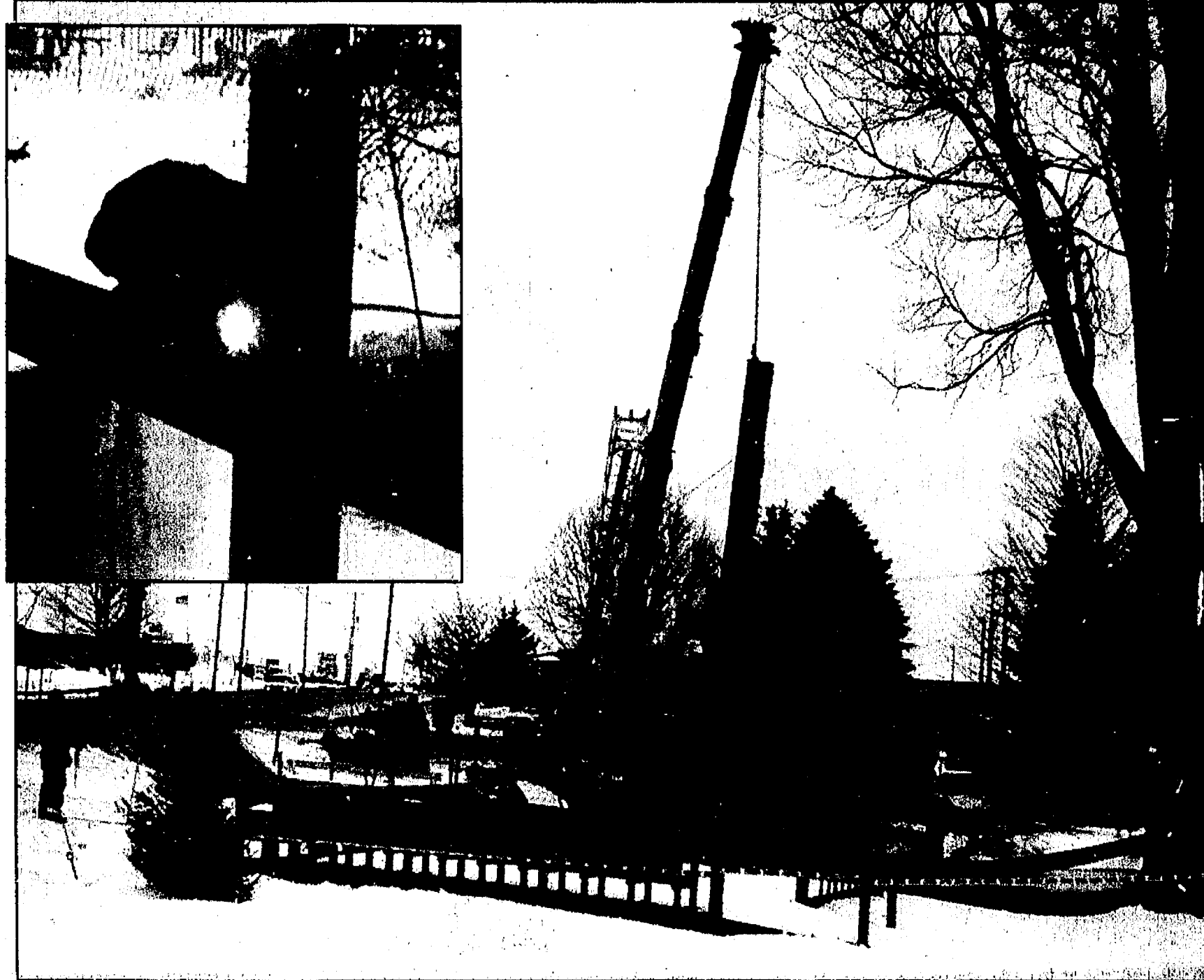
The appeal is the last option, short of a lawsuit, for those opposed to the drilling.

State Representative Matt Gillard said he would support Crawford County officials and conservation groups in their fight.

"I remain confident that by working together, we can still

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PROJECT PROCEEDS



Photos by Dan Sanderson

(Above) The pounding of sheet metal for the new weir which will control the level of the City's Millpond reverberated through the community last week. (Top left) Dave Friedman from King Co. welds some of the steel in place.

Grayling girl bounces back from surgery

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling girl who received a kidney transplant from her father has quickly bounced back from the procedure.

Amanda McCellan, 10, who received a kidney from her dad, Ron McCellan, returned from the C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor to her Grayling home on Monday.

The kidney transplant, which was expected to take 10 to 12 hours, only took half the time when the surgery was done on January 31, said Mary McCellan, Amanda's mother.

"Once they got it in there, it started right off and there were no complications," Mary said.

Instead of a two and half week hospital stay, Amanda and her family were ready to come home on Monday.

"She's up and running around right now," Mary said.

Ron is dealing with an extreme amount of pain because a transplant operation is typically harder on the donor than the recipient of the organ.

"He's not moving around - not as well as she is - but ..." Mary said.

Amanda, who is a fourth grader at Grayling Elementary School, will miss classes for the next six weeks as she con-

tinues her recovery. Ron, a welder at the Lear Plant in Roscommon, will also be out of work for six weeks.

Shortly after Amanda was born, she was diagnosed with abnormal ureters, the part of the body which carries urine from the kidneys into the bladder. The condition, known as vesicoureteral reflux, exposes the kidneys to infection and damage. Amanda underwent an initial surgery to correct the problem when she was just 5-months old when the family lived in Wichita, Kansas. She has been through dozens of other surgical procedures, Ron said.

After moving to Grayling in 1997, the McCellan family learned at the C.S. Mott's Hospital that Amanda should not have had surgery until she was 5-years-old since medicine and natural growth may have corrected the problem.

Extensive scarring has damaged Amanda's left kidney, and surgeons have constructed a new bladder using her small intestine.

With the exception of a two-year period, Amanda has never gone more than seven weeks without a hospital stay of one to three months and has always been on antibiotics.

A spaghetti dinner to raise



Amanda McCellan, 10, who received a kidney from her dad Ron McCellan, returned from the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor to her Grayling home on Monday.

funds to help support the McCellan family will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 26 at the AuSable Primary School.

Admission to the dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. "We have been blessed," Mary said. "Amanda had come through this very well."

Free health clinic planned for the uninsured

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Local health officials are spearheading an effort to establish a free health clinic for the uninsured.

A meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 10 in the Crawford Room at Mercy Hospital Grayling to plan for a clinic where physicians would volunteer their services to help the uninsured.

Former Mercy Hospital Grayling Administrator Sister Mary Ellen Howard, who oversees the Carbrini Clinic in Detroit, the largest free clinic in the state, will be the guest speaker at the session.

There is an estimated 8,000 to 9,000 uninsured people in Mercy Hospital's four-county service area, said Victor Sztengel, director of the Wexford/Crawford physician hospital organization for Mercy Hospital who is president of the Cadillac Free Clinic, a similar health care clinic serving patients in Wexford County.

Doctors, nurse practitioners and nurses have volunteered their services to run the AuSable Free Clinic, which would be open to patients every Thursday.

Mercy Hospital, Family Independence Agency, District Health Department and church officials have been supportive of the clinic. Sztengel said Mercy Hospital would donate x-ray and lab services and drugs to support the clinic, but does not want to take direct control of the clinic, which would operate as a separate non-profit entity.

"These folks wind up in our place anyway, and this is a much better way to take care of these people," Sztengel said. "What we're trying to do is get this organized where these people can get some limited care, which will hopefully address these health care crises."

Officials are applying for a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to financially support the initiative.

Sztengel estimated that it would cost \$50,000 to \$70,000 to get the clinic up and running. The funds would pay to hire a nurse practitioner, who would oversee the operation of the clinic, as well as pay for equipment, supplies and drugs.

Health care officials hope to have the clinic up and running in August.

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The I-75 Business Loop exit coming into Grayling will be closed for one month in September for a Michigan Department of Transportation bridge reconstruction project.

Business Loop exit to be closed in fall

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling officials are preparing to help business owners bridge the gap between the summer and fall tourism seasons when the main artery into town will be shut down in September.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is planning on a reconstruction project for the I-75 Business Loop exit coming into Grayling, which will force the gateway into the community to be closed for one month.

The project was not initially in MDOT's five year maintenance plan, but funds earmarked for bridge maintenance and replacement became available.

"We had some money left over because other projects came in under budget so we added another project to the program," said Hilary Owen, the development engineer for MDOT's Grayling Transportation Service Center.

The preventative maintenance work is part of an overall project which also calls for the reconstruction of the bridges at Four Mile Road and at U.S. 27.

Construction of the bridges will begin on July 11, 2005 and will extend through October 14, 2005.

The Business Loop exit is scheduled to be closed after September 7 in order to avoid disrupting traffic during the heavy tourism season, and can not be closed for over a month.

"Even if the work is done ahead of scheduled, the concrete

has to cure and you can't put traffic on it right away," Owen said.

During the project, traffic will be re-routed down Four Mile Road to Military Road and to M-93.

Owen said MDOT officials have had a couple of meetings with law enforcement, emergency service and City of Grayling representatives to get input on the project, but typically only with entities who have authority over the roadways.

"Since the bridge will be closed, we thought it would be useful to know what the time frames are," Owen said.

Just prior to the work, Owen said MDOT would be sending flyers to local businesses and would also notify local and downstate media so they can inform customers and tourists of the road changes.

Dean Smith, general manager for the Holiday Inn of Grayling and co-owner of AuSable Gifts, said shutting off traffic is a terrible prospect for businesses which are already hurting.

"It's a drive by thing - people see it and they will stop," he said. Smith added that state, federal and local officials need to address all interchange access issues in the city.

"If they're going to do this work, they need to make complete interchanges and they need to fix this mess," Smith said.

Doug Meroney, co-owner of Fannie Finn's and manager for the Grayling Uptown District Association, said that closing off

the business will not help the already struggling downtown business district.

"It's like the state is saying the heck with Grayling, we're just going to shut you down for a month," Meroney said.

Ernie Dawson, the owner of Flowers by Josie, said he relies on telephone sales for most of his business, but the lack of people coming through town will affect his bottom line. "When it hurts Grayling, it hurts me," Dawson said. "It's going to be devastating for the entire community."

Paula Harwood, the owner of Sawmill Billiards, said the business community had weathered road projects before when there were little options due to weather and tourism season.

"It will definitely hurt business," Harwood said. "Thank God they're not doing it in July."

Misty Ankney, the general manager at Day's Inn, said they would change information on the hotels web sites so guests can make travel plans.

"It's going to make things a little more difficult for the guests to get in and out of town and that's never a good thing," Ankney said.

Grayling Visitors Bureau and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board's planned to discuss the issue at upcoming meetings.

"I'm sure we're going to address this as a board or in some other fashion," said Tim Zigila, president of Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Embezzlement case headed for jury trial

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The case against a former Grayling hotel bookkeeper accused of bilking thousands of dollars from his employer is heading for trial.

Crawford County District

Court Judge John G. Hunter bound Toby Shambarger over to Circuit Court last Friday. Shambarger, 36, is being charged with embezzlement/agent trustee of \$20,000 or more.

Shambarger is accused of embezzling \$30,802 in funds from the Holiday Inn-Grayling. He is accused of taking the funds from hotel and vending machine accounts he managed for the business.

Grayling accountant Mickey

Perez, who is assisting Shambarger's attorney Terrence Bloomquist with the case, testified that the missing funds could have been tips paid out to employees who work in the hotel's restaurant and lounge or dividends paid to the hotel owner.

Shambarger faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine or up to three times the amount he is accused of embezzling if he is convicted.

Correction

In the February 3, 2005 Avalanche, Letters to the Editor from Dixie Lobsinger, the letter should have read that 76,321 cats and kittens were euthanized. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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Armed robbery conviction upheld

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The State Court of Appeals has concurred with a 46th Circuit Trial Court judge's decision to uphold a verdict in an unusual armed robbery case where a man served on the jury despite living outside the Grayling area.

The Court of Appeals judges opinion recently released said that Roger Bruce Matt received a fair trial even though Thomas T. Lobsinger served on the two-day trial held in February 2003 when he lived in Madison Heights near Detroit.

Lobsinger had filled out his jury questionnaire on August 7, 2003 while he still lived in Crawford County, and later received a summons to serve on the jury which was forwarded in the mail. Lobsinger took a bus back to Grayling to serve on the jury and it was not discovered that he had moved until after the trial had finished when he turned in his receipt for his bus ticket for reimbursement.

Matt, who robbed the Admiral Gas Station on September 3, 2002, is serving an 11 year to 25 year prison sentence for armed robbery at the Carson City Correction Facility.

The Court of Appeals judges ruled that 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis Murphy

properly denied Matt a motion for a new trial. The three-judge panel said an attorney for Matt did not object to Lobsinger being on the jury while the trial was under way. Lobsinger did not show prejudice in the case and failed to show that the residence noncompliance was a substantial factor in the trial.

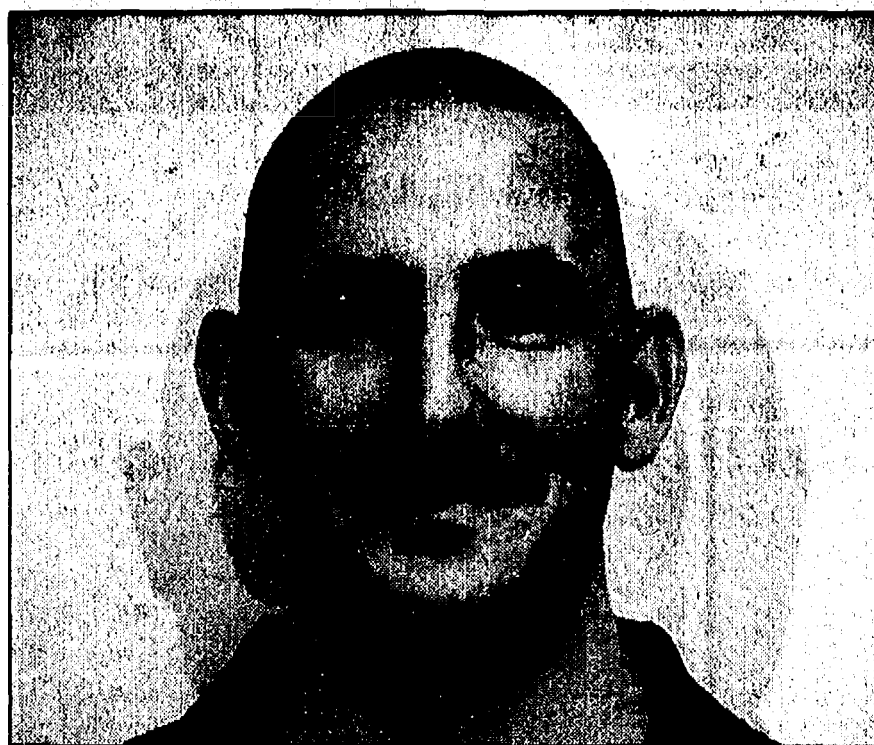
"The trial court properly determined that the defendant failed to demonstrate actual prejudice, and did not abuse its discretion in denying the defendant's motion for a new trial on this basis," the judges said in their written opinion.

Murphy was pleased that the Court of Appeals concurred with his opinion, saying it was commendable that Lobsinger expended such effort to sit on the jury.

"It was highly unusual and I thought it was quite pleasant to see someone go to such great lengths to do their civic duty," Murphy said. "Most people try to think of good excuses to get out of jury duty."

By in large, appellate lawyers for Matt questioned the conduct of state troopers who arrested him after he fled the gas station on a motorcycle.

Court of Appeals judges said the troopers did not violate Matt's Constitutional right to



Roger Bruce Matt

unreasonable search and seizure because there was reasonable suspicion of ongoing criminal activity. Further, the court of appeals judges said the troopers following Matt in the patrol car was not unreasonable because they believed he was intoxicated since he was weaving on the road and nearly tipped the bike over twice.

Finally, the appellate judges said that troopers had right to search Matt before he was arrested in order to disarm him to take him into custody and to preserve evidence for later use at trial. A search of Matt's motorcycle,

where officers found money taken from the gas station, was exempt from the requirement to obtain a warrant because police are allowed to search a vehicle for contraband or to do an inventory search.

The Court of Appeals judges ruled that Murphy did make an error in denying a motion to suppress evidence obtained while Matt and his motorcycle were searched by troopers.

Adult business zoning addressed

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The adult business allowed to open in Grayling Township under much of the public's radar screen drew more attention at a recent planning meeting than an ordinance amendment aimed at preventing further such businesses from locating in the community.

Citizens who attended a recent Grayling Township Planning Commission meeting where an ordinance amendment was adopted to regulate adult oriented businesses barely outnumbered the number of planning commission members at the meeting.

Fantasies Unlimited, the adult business which opened its doors at 6131 M-72 West, was the lone subject of the few public comments made at the meeting. Fantasies Unlimited owner Brad Vannatter was allowed to open the business after the Grayling Township Board agreed to settle a federal lawsuit he filed against the township. Attorneys for Vannatter argued that the townships former adult ordinance violated his First Amendment Right of Freedom of Speech to conduct business. The lawsuit settlement allowed the township to place strict limitations on the business including hours of operation, the manner and location in which sexually oriented items are displayed as well as exterior signs which could be used. Township officials opted to settle the lawsuit in order to avoid a

costly legal battle and continued liability.

Citizen Ron Larson told township planners that he gets disgusted every time he drives past the business.

"I haven't talked to anyone who wants that in there," Larson said. "I don't think we should roll over and play dead."

Citizen Lois Stradling said she thought having the store in the township may deter other businesses from coming to the community.

"We don't let other businesses come here, why are we letting stuff like that in?" Stradling asked.

Planning commission member Jamie Cox said he could not figure out why there was a First Amendment issue with the store since they are merely selling products and not publishing materials.

"When it comes to the courts, it doesn't matter how many soldiers you have in your army," Cox said. "It's up to one judge or a couple of judges."

Planning commission member Jeddy Hood said it was unfortunate that township planners and citizens did not get a chance to address the issue.

"It went from our hands, to the attorneys to the courts," Hood said. "It's a shame."

The ordinance amendment approved by the planning commission cites precedent U.S. Supreme County cases. It also says the township has a substantial interest in protecting and pre-

serving the quality of life of the community against the adverse secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses.

Under the new amendment, a sexually oriented business would not be allowed with 1,500 feet of a church, school, day care center, public park or a protected zone. A protected zone includes all residential districts, natural river districts, recreational forest districts and planned unit developments.

Sexually oriented businesses could only locate in a commercial or industrial zoned districts, since the township has to give areas where such businesses could be located.

The amendment said the township supervisor is allowed to enter a sexually oriented businesses during hours of operation to confirm that it is complying with ordinance without prior notification.

Township planning commission members said the only language in the ordinance amendment which applied to Fantasies Unlimited stipulates that if a sexually oriented business in the township discontinues in six months, the right to operate the business would be terminated.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said that David Birchler, a planner from the Detroit area who testified on behalf of the township in their federal court proceedings, helped draft the ordinance amendment.

"This one should hold up in court better," Wright said.

Forest Service approves Savoy gas well

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ensure that the peace and tranquility of Michigan's outdoor treasures -- our rivers, forests, lakes and streams -- are preserved for the enjoyment of future generations," Gillard said.

Savoy's plan is to "slant" drill an 11,000-foot exploratory well. The well's surface location will be in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, but it is the area underneath the Mason Tract that will be searched for gas deposits. If gas is found, it is expected that Savoy will build at least three gas wells near the Mason Tract. The life span of such wells is usually 20 to 25 years.

Marten said that "after the proposed drilling operations is completed and the area restored as required, visitors to the Mason Tract would not be able to see or hear the operations of the well or the production facility."

Weyeneth said that one of the grounds for the appeal was the sound study, which he said was

flawed, and didn't take into account the long-life of the wells.

Representative Gillard has introduced four bills which would decrease the permissible volume for all new oil and gas facilities in Michigan. The bills would seek to prevent exploratory drilling on state-owned land at three of the northern Lower Peninsula's most prized waterways and forests, as well as the Mason Tract.

"Michigan's environment and its economy go hand-in-hand. This plan strikes a balance between protecting public recreation and private property rights," Gillard said.

Marten said she spent more than eighteen months analyzing the project, and that the proposed production facility has been moved approximately a 1/4 of a mile, placing the facility almost two miles from the Mason Tract. Marten added that she had reviewed public suggestions that

the well itself be moved up to two miles from the Mason Tract.

"Operating at that distance is impractical because it presents an unacceptable risk to the environment, as well as public safety and health," she said.

Weyeneth said it was in the opinion of the Anglers that the decision to not move the well was economically -- not ecologically -- based.

He added that among other grounds for the appeal, a large problem with the original Forest Service Environmental Assessment was the flawed economic study. In it, Weyeneth said only property values were taken into account. There was little or no mention of impacts on recreational and tourist dollars.

"The Forest Service did not consult with the Roscommon and Grayling Chambers of Commerce, and both have come out against this. They have commented publicly that they were not consulted," Weyeneth said.

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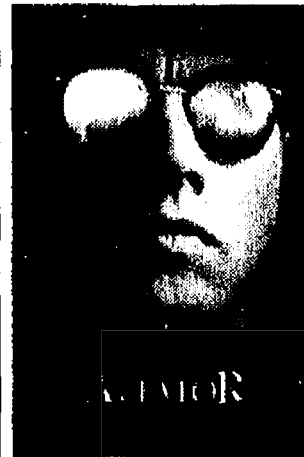
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Lansing, Washington face similar \$\$\$\$ problems

THIS IS ONE of the favorite seasons for hard-crusted devotees of politics and government. In both Washington and Lansing, it's the start of budget crunch season.

President George W. Bush in his State of the Union message last week laid out the broad outlines of his ideas of what the federal government should be doing, then spelled out the details in his budget package a few days later. In a nutshell, the president, a Republican, wants to expand and improve several programs, and at the same time cut spending.

Governor Jennifer Granholm is following the same scenario. First came her state of the state message this week with her idea of broad goals for the state, followed closely a few days later by the budget details. In a nutshell, the governor, a Democrat, wants to expand and improve several programs, and at the same time cut spending.

It appears good government, including

public frugality, knows no partisanship. Now the Congress in Washington and the Legislature in Lansing will get into the act, and that's when the fun really starts.

All lawmakers favor good, productive government programs — especially those which help a cause in which they or their constituents are personally interested. All lawmakers favor cutting government spending — except when it hurts their personal interests or their constituents.

That's one of the penalties we all pay for representative government, responsible to those who cast the votes.

PRESIDENT BUSH set as one of his goals to reduce the federal deficit each year so it's cut in half after six years. Conveniently that's after his term expires.

That's a big job, and his critics could suggest that it wouldn't be as big a job if Mr. Bush's policies hadn't boosted the

federal deficit so high in the last four years.

Gov. Granholm's goals may not be as severe. All she has to do is balance the budget each year. In Michigan these days, that's tougher than it sounds.

The governor and legislature balanced the budget for the current fiscal year (October 2004 through September 2005) when it was adopted a few months ago. It was a struggle then — with some baling wire here, some duct tape there, a wad of chewing gum some place else — but the budget was balanced.

Whether it will remain balanced is problematic. Michigan's revenue collections have wavered drastically in recent years, and if they fall below budgeted expectations again, the governor and legislature may well be forced back to the drawing board to replace those disappearing revenues.

The prospect for the 2005-06 budget year is dim as well. The non-partisan,

non-government Citizens Research Council warns of a \$1 billion revenue shortfall in the \$8.8 billion general fund for the year beginning October 1.

Well, nobody ever promised being governor was always going to be fun.

BUSINESS TAXES — Gov. Granholm already has detailed her plan to juggle Michigan business taxes to make the state a better place to do business, thus creating new jobs and resulting in higher state tax revenue down the road.

The centerpiece is reducing the business activities tax, paid by most businesses based generally on the amount of business conducted without regard to profitability.

This is the same onerous business tax, incidentally, which under a program formulated by former Gov. John Engler several years ago was designed to end completely over the next 23 years or so. The Engler reduction scale has been in

place since. But 23 years! Talk about a living legacy — that was it.

Other taxes would be adjusted up or down under the Granholm plan, which is described as "revenue neutral." That means the state ends up with no more money after the tax changes than it would have received before the tax changes.

But it does not mean that all businesses would wind up with the same tax load. Some will pay more, some will pay less, which also means that it may help job creation for some businesses and hurt it for others.

There's no such thing as "neutral" tax changes. The question is whether tax changes help more than they hurt. And the answer to that question has to be "yes" in some cases, and "no" in others.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Leanne Marten

Forest Supervisor, Huron Manistee National Forests

Surface use plan approved for gas well

As Forest Supervisor of the Huron-Manistee National Forests, I am responsible for the overall management decisions that affect the forests. Those decisions include the range of public uses of National Forest lands, including recreation, timber production, wildlife management, special uses of public lands and development of minerals, specifically oil and gas. All decisions are based on the Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan, agency direction, public concerns and the best available scientific information.

After a review of the relevant information, I have decided to approve the surface use plan of operation filed by Savoy Energy of Traverse City for an exploratory natural gas well on the Huron National Forest in Crawford County. I know that not everyone will be happy with this decision, but I hope people will recognize that forest management must be based on laws, regulations and science.

My decision comes after more than 18 months of analysis of the proposed project. Although the proposal has generated a large amount of public interest, most of the comments that we received related to a few specific concerns.

Many comments expressed concern that the proposed natural gas well would pollute the South Branch of the AuSable River or change the secluded nature of the Mason Tract. After the proposed drilling operation is completed and the area restored as required,

visitors to the Mason Tract would not be able to see or hear the operations of the well or the production facility.

A number of people said that the proposed well site was too close to the Mason Tract and the Mason Chapel. After discussions with the Forest Service, the U.S. Bureau of Land management and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Savoy Energy submitted an amended application that moved the proposed wellhead approximately 1/4 mile from the original spot and placed the production facility almost two miles from the Mason Tract boundary. There has been a natural gas well facility operating closer to both the South Branch of the AuSable and Mason Tract than the current proposed facility for the past 13 years, and there is no record of complaints about that existing location. In addition, there is no information to indicate that the 280 existing oil and gas wells have had a detrimental impact on the Crawford County's recreation use or economy.

We also heard from people who were concerned about the potential for odors produced by hydrogen sulfide. The well proposed by Savoy Energy will tap the Prairie du Chien formation, which does not generally contain hydrogen sulfide. None of the current 118 Prairie du Chien wells producing in the State of Michigan are classified as hydrogen sulfide wells.

We reviewed public suggestions that the well be drilled from

a distance of up to two miles from the Mason Tract. Although technically feasible, operating at that distance is impractical because it presents an unacceptable risk to the environment, as well as public safety and health.

We heard concerns about noise generated by the drilling procedure or the operation of the well. A report was prepared by an independent consultant to evaluate the potential effects of noise. Mitigation measures required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality permit and the Forest Service would ensure that most visitors to the Mason Tract and Mason Chapel would not hear the production facility.

There are additional stipulations imposed on Savoy Energy that address other environmental concerns. The public may view all these requirements in the supporting materials to my decision on the forests' website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/hnmf etc. Individuals who provided a comment on the project may see how their concern was addressed in the section titled "Response to Comments."

I recognize the unique characteristics of the South Branch of the AuSable and the Mason Tract, in the same way that I value the lands within the Huron-Manistee National Forests. My responsibility is to balance public use of our nation's natural resources with the need to protect our nation's natural resources. I believe this decision accomplishes both.

EDITOR

School events need to coordinate with city police

To the editor:

I was delighted when my great-nephew, seven years of age, from Whitmore invited me to a wrestling meet at the Grayling Middle School on January 29, 2005. When I arrived at the school, I was surprised to see the amount of people that do attend for this type of event. The gymnasium was packed. There must have been 20 to 50 wrestlers from ages 4 on up from each surrounding communities in the match: Ogemaw, Whitmore-Prescott, Hale, Oscoda, Standish-Sterling, Pine River-Petoskey and Grayling. Win or lose, they all deserve a medal.

The only disappointment I had from this day was getting a parking ticket for \$115 along with other spectators that had come to see their loved ones wrestle. The

City of Grayling sure made out for the day. I'm wondering why, if this is a big event.

Why doesn't the Athletic Director and the Chief of Police coordinate with each other to resolve limited parking area at the Grayling Middle School? Cover the no parking signs during the main events time frame, but will this resolve the issue on safety?

Why doesn't the school board have the wrestling meets at the Grayling High School? This school would provide safety (children away from the streets), to have access for the disabled, they were deprived their rights, having to park three or four blocks away, due to the congestion in the parking area at the Grayling Middle School and also having available parking spaces.

Yes, I pleaded guilty for the

parking ticket; due to safety, but changes need to be made by the school board with a broader outlook to "express" for the safety of our children and for the disabled. The Athletic Director and the Chief of Police should also coordinate and manage these events professionally. If the school board does not agree there are major issues concerning the Grayling Middle School for such special occasions.

I would appreciate it if someone in the Grayling area rather it be the School Board, the Athletic Director, the Chief of Police, or other concerned citizens take action on this now.

By the way, my great-nephew "Ty" came in third place. Way to go little man.

Althea Illig-Ball
Kalkaska

The story behind your Valentine's Day chocolates

(NU) — Valentine's Day is synonymous with romance, of course. But of the millions who celebrate the popular holiday for lovers each year, how many actually know the rich history behind it?

There are several competing theories on the origins of Valentine's Day. Some say its beginnings can be found in the Middle Ages, when many believed that birds mated for life on February 14. To commemorate the spirit of companionship, people would send love letters on that day.

Others say we owe our celebration to the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia, a pagan fertility festival that was held in mid-February. On this day, women wrote love notes that were placed in an urn and randomly drawn by men, who would then pursue the note-writers and claim them as companions for the next year.

Early Christians preferred to associate the holiday with the saint of romantic causes, Saint Valentine. But there is some controversy regarding Saint Valentine: The Catholic Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine and Valentinus.

The most popular candidate is a third century priest. Legend says he performed secret marriages against the orders of Emperor Claudius II, who forbade young men from marrying because he believed that single men were more likely to join the army.

As the story goes, Valentine was imprisoned for his misdeeds. He then fell in love with his jailer's daughter and sent her a note signed "From Your Valentine" before he was executed in A.D. 270.

A little more than 200 years later, Pope Gelasius officially recognized Feb. 14 in honor of Valentine, the patron saint of

lovers.

Some say the tradition of sending Valentine greetings started in 1415 with a Frenchman named Charles, Duke of Orleans. Imprisoned in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt, the duke reportedly passed time by writing romantic verses for his wife. By the 16th century, sending written expressions of affection on Valentine's Day had become very common.

By the beginning of the 20th century, the giving of Valentines was accompanied with gifts of flowers and chocolates. The red rose and heart-shaped box of chocolates became synonymous with Valentine's Day.

Now, more than \$1 billion is spent annually on Valentine's Day candy alone.

The National Confectioners Association estimates that more than 36 million candy hearts will be sold this year alone in the United States.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TEFAP Commodities to be distributed

Volunteers from the VFW Aux. 3736 will be distributing TEFAP Commodities on February 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. For more information call 348-2139.

Alzheimer's support groups held monthly

The Northeastern Michigan Alzheimer's Association announces support groups in Crawford County. Grayling A meets the last Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. For more information contact Liz at 989-348-2801. Grayling B meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. at Grayling Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling. For more information contact Polly at 989 348-0083.

Sheriff Wakefield to attend City meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the City of Grayling Council meeting on Monday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. to address any questions or comments. He will be there throughout the meeting and will remain afterwards for any additional questions.

Diabetes resource directory available

Do you have diabetes or know someone with diabetes who needs help? Perhaps it is getting on track with a meal and physical activity plan. Is help needed paying for medication? Has sight been affected by diabetes, making it difficult to use the blood sugar monitor or prepare insulin injections? The new TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, Resource Directory can help!

Over our 11 year history, TIPDON has received thousands of calls from people with diabetes, their family members, and healthcare professionals trying to locate additional help and services for people with diabetes. People with diabetes often need to make difficult long-term lifestyle changes to manage their disease.

In addition, they also have extra expenses related to monitoring supplies, medication, tests and exams.

The TIPDON Resource Directory can be viewed on line at www.diabetesinmichigan.org. Click on the TIPDON region. The Resource Directory link is located at the bottom left corner of the homepage. If you don't have easy internet access at home or work, you might want to try your local public library. Most libraries have internet access and the staff can help you find and print the 38 page Directory.

For more information about diabetes, contact TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, 231-348-8596 or 800-847-3665 (MI only). tipdon@face2000.com

Credit union offers college scholarship for fall semester

North Central Area Credit Union is accepting applications for the 2005 fall semester scholarship awards. The scholarship awards will be in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000. To qualify for the NCACU scholarship you must be a member of the credit union, have 24 college credit hours verified by transcripts and

have a past record of community involvement. To apply, write an essay on your goals and why you deserve the scholarship. Applications can be obtained at each branch location in Grayling, Roscommon, Houghton Lake and Standish. The deadline for all information to be submitted to NCACU is May 1, 2005.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, February 11 - Lunch - beef and cheese ravioli, tossed salad, broccoli, carrot, celery and apple salad. No dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest satellite meal; 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, February 12 - foot clinic, call for an appointment, bring your own towel.

Monday, February 14 - Lunch - brats on a bun, brussels sprouts, potato salad, mandarin oranges. Dinner - loaded baked potatoes w/ beef chili, broccoli w/ cheese, dump cake. 12 p.m. Stag Club; 1 p.m. Bridge Club; 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, February 15 - Lunch - open face hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, marinated carrots, Jell-O fruit salad.

Dinner - Valentine dinner, beef BBQ ribs, baked potato, corn, dessert. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. TEFAP at American Legion; 1 p.m. Euchre Club.

Wednesday, February 16 - Lunch - hungry boy casserole, club spinach, apricots w/ cottage cheese, melon balls. Dinner - meatloaf, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, applesauce. 10 a.m. Line Dancing; 12 p.m. Stag Club; 5:30 p.m. movie "Sweet Home Alabama."

Thursday, February 17 - Lunch - sausage and egg quiche, glazed sweet potatoes, fruit medley salad, pastry. Dinner - popcorn shrimp, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches. 10 a.m. aerobics, craft class; 11 a.m. Out to Lunch; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks; 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 64 complaints the week of January 31 - February 6:

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assault, three burglaries/home invasions, one larceny, one motor vehicle theft, two damage to property, one marijuana possession, four public peace/disorderly, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offense, five driving violation-driving while license suspend and one failure to file property liability and property damage insurance.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Vintage Base Ball Club now being formed at Hartwick Pines

Are you a fan of baseball? Do you like history? Have you ever wondered how you can combine the two together? Well now you can, by playing "Vintage Base Ball." This is baseball as played by the rules of the 19th century.

This year there is a new Vintage Base Ball Club being formed at Hartwick Pines State Park to play baseball by the rules of the 1860s. This was the days before complex equipment, like gloves; confusing rules, such as base on balls; and the ungentlemanly acts of sliding, leaving your feet to make a catch and spitting. To learn more about this style of baseball and to become a member of the Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club, there will be a general information and organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 16, at 7 p.m. at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park. Refreshments will be provided.

Baseball of the 1860s is similar to baseball as we know it today: there were nine players to a side, the club that was "in" (or batting) got three outs, there were nine innings to a game, and the size of the diamond was ninety feet between the bases. However other aspects resembled the earlier games of cricket, rounders and townball: the players in the field wore no gloves, you could catch the ball on one bound (which came in handy

without a glove), the ball was "pitched" underhand (similar to pitching a horseshoe), and the pitcher stood forty-five feet from the batter.

As baseball developed during the mid-Nineteenth Century, the game was quickly developing as our national pastime and took on strong social characteristics. These will be presented in the new interpretive program at Hartwick Pines when there will be occasional games played against visiting vintage base ball clubs and also through matches where the park's visitors may try playing this early style of the game.

Before the new Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club can take the field, players are needed. Along with players, there will also be a need for an umpire or two (there was only one per game in the 1800s), scorekeepers, and "cranks" (fans of the 19th Century game). All involved will be interpreting some aspect of the game. To be a player, all you have to be is at least 18 (or 16 if your parent is also involved) and be able to throw and catch a ball, and can run (or at least slowly jog) the bases. Hitting will be a plus.

For more information about the new Vintage Base Ball Club being formed at Hartwick Pines, please contact Rob Burg by phone at 989-348-2537 or by email at burg@michigan.gov

Film featuring Roscommon resident to premiere

"The Work and the Glory," a movie in which former Roscommon resident Alexander Carroll plays a major role, will begin a run of at least a week at Carroll's hometown theater on February 11.

The film will make its Michigan debut at the Roscommon Cinema, according to Chuck Pittenger, owner of the theater.

"This is as close to a Hollywood premiere as we've had in northern Michigan in a while," Pittenger said.

The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. nightly, February 11-16 and will be held over if demand warrants, Pittenger said. He said Carroll is expected to be present for the February 12 showing.

Carroll, a 1999 graduate of Roscommon High School, plays the role of Nathan Steed in "The Work and the Glory," first of three planned movies based on a series of best-selling novels about Mormon family's pilgrimage across America during the 1800's. The film, financed by Utah Jazz owner Larry H. Miller, premiered in Salt Lake City last year.

Carroll acted in a number of plays at the Roscommon High School under the direction of teacher Annette Murray. He majored in chemistry at Albion College, then moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting. Before landing the role in "The Work and the Glory," he appeared in Rod Stewart's "Time After Time" video and commercials for Toyota and a Japanese coffee company.

Another Gerald N. Lund's nine-volume series, "The Work and the Glory," published by Deseret Book, has sold more than two million copies. The first motion picture covers volume one of the series. Set in the 1820's, it follows the Benjamin Steed family as they move to Palmyra Township in upstate New York. There they meet a young man named Joseph Smith and are caught up in the conflict and controversy surrounding Smith, the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The movie was filmed last spring in Tennessee. It has a website, www.workandtheglor.com.

The actor is the son of Jane

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The Nuge's donated guitar at Dharma Records

Ted Nugent's guitar to be auctioned off for Crawford County United Way at C.A.R.E. night

Ted Nugent's guitar, set to be auctioned off at the Crawford County United Way Community, Auction, Raffle and Entertainment (CARE) event on February 12 at 6 p.m., is being displayed at Dharma Records in Grayling.

The proceeds from the guitar will be split between the Crawford County United Way and Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids (TNKFK).

"We were thrilled to donate this guitar since 'The Nuge' holds Grayling very dear to his heart," said Nugent's manager Chuck Buzzy.

Other top prizes include a .5 carat seven diamond ring from Davis Jewelers, a \$500 gift certificate from Comfort Center Furniture in Grayling, a full service Cosmo package from Heart to Heart Massage Spa in Gaylord, and many more. There are approximately 200 items with values ranging from a few thousand dollars, to under \$10.

The CARE event is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7



Photo by Josh Greenberg

The guitar of 'The Nuge' in the hands of Dharma Records owner Al Bondar. The guitar comes with a leather case, an autographed book, and Dharma Records is going to donate a guitar stand to go with it. Admission to CARE night is \$5 per person.

p.m. There will be a range of food available.

CARE night is the biggest fundraiser for the Crawford

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of January 30 - February 6:

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Most tooth injuries are characterized by damage done to the two primary tissue structures: the hard tissue of the tooth and the soft tissue, or pulp, located inside the tooth. Often when a child receives a blow to the mouth, he or she does not suffer from any visible tooth damage but still may have damaged soft tissue inside the tooth. In such cases, teeth often begin to turn pink and then slowly turn gray.

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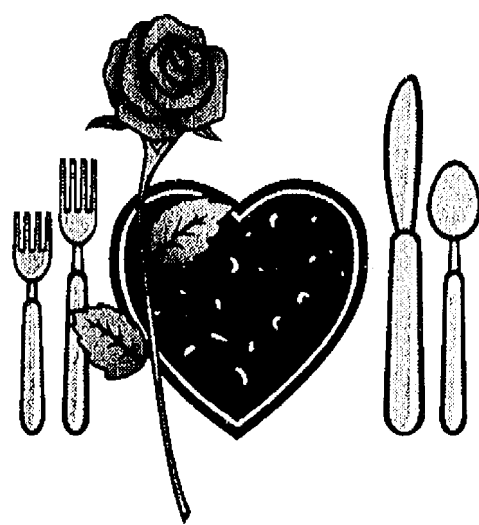
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Library director Bambi Sanderson shows off her pet hedgehog to residents of Mercy Manor on February 2, Groundhog Day. The precursor to Groundhog Day was the Roman tradition of Hedgehog Day. Both days are similar, though the Romans looked for a shadow under a clear moon at night, instead of the bright sun of day. Sanderson, Judy Clyma and the hedgehog made a variety of stops around Grayling.



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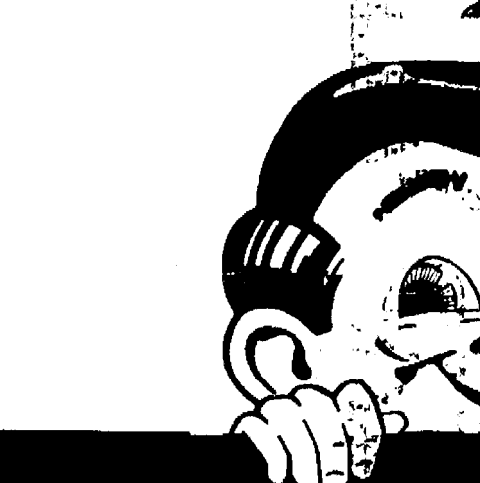
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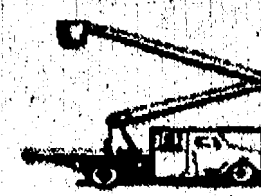
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GMS names student of the month

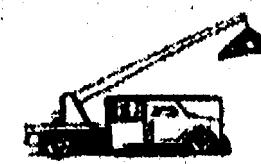


The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are, from the left:(back row) Josh Aimesbury, Josh Argue, Selina Anglemeyer, Jacob Aubry, Geo Bindschatel, Mike Celini and Alexis Dandy; (middle row) Melissa Eckstorm, Lindy Elford, Misty Elford, Joel Fraki, Joey Frost, Kelsey Gilbert, Richelle Grosskopf, Makenna Harwood, Aleisha Hoover, Cayla Johnson, and Daniel DuVall; (front row) Katelyn Lange, Samantha Martin, Jimmy Osga, Megan Patterson, Jessica Pickell, Christina Teal, and Philip Westman; (not pictured) Cody Bieda, Colin Hamlin, Hali Miller, Stacey Nephew and Rebecca Strelchuk.

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Mercy Hospital board elects new chairman

Paul Lerg, the new chair of Mercy Hospital Grayling's Board of Trustees, is modest when asked what inspired his nearly three decades of energetic involvement with Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"I saw the hospital as such a valuable addition to the community and thought, 'If I could ever help, I would,'" said Lerg, a retired educator who was recently elected chairman of Mercy Hospital Grayling's Board of Trustees.

After growing up in Lake City, Lerg came to Grayling 37 years ago to teach physics and math. He spent five years in the

classroom before becoming the assistant superintendent of Crawford AuSable schools, a job he enjoyed until his retirement in 2001.

His service to Mercy Hospital Grayling began shortly after taking the administrative post with the school system. "I was asked to serve on the hospital's finance committee," recalls Lerg. "Then from there it just evolved."

Over the next three decades he served in a variety of capacities on the hospital's Board of Trustees, including playing key roles in three different fundraising campaigns.

"It will be an honor and a privilege to work with Paul as our new Board Chair," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Paul is committed to the mission of Mercy Hospital, he is knowledgeable about the communities we serve, and has a tremendous historical perspective having served Mercy in a variety of board and committee appointments over the years."

"Paul also understands the complexities of the health care

industry and the challenges of providing quality health care services in a rural environment," she added. "He has been an active participant in legislative advocacy at the state and federal level."

Lerg is co-chair of the Capital Campaign that is currently accepting donations for the construction of the hospital's new Emergency Department.

There has been a groundswell of local community support for the Emergency Department project. Houghton Lake residents Marie E. Brasza-Pinch and husband Gerald H. Pinch Jr., and family recently donated \$500,000 to the campaign. Early gifts totaling more than \$1.5 million have been pledged towards a community goal of \$2.3 million.

"I've really enjoyed this campaign," said Lerg. "People have recognized the need and the community support has been incredible. In particular, the Auxiliary has been very, very important in the campaign. They pledged \$250,000 and are tireless in their dedication to Mercy Hospital Grayling."

Sometimes they go unnoticed, but they are a vital part of the hospital's health care team."

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2005 and completed in 2007. The new Emergency Center -- the first expansion to the hospital since 1978 -- will more than double the space available for emergency care. It will increase the department from eight to 14 treatment beds, add three new observation beds, modernize patient and family areas, and significantly increase privacy and comfort for hospital patients.

"Paul has been a tireless champion for our Emergency Department Capital Campaign," said Riemer-Matuzak. "Under his leadership, the Mercy Hospital Grayling Board will succeed in positioning the hospital for the future in providing quality health care services to our communities."

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Heidi Englund of Howard City, formerly of Grayling, completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education from Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids. Her major was in

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While at Cornerstone, Heidi participated in Intramural

Softball. She volunteered at Homework House, an after-school program for students who spoke Spanish in the home.

Englund graduated in 2000 from Grayling High School. She is the daughter of David and Judy Englund of Howard City.

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Chamber spotlights Northland Credit Union



The Ambassadors of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce made yet another unexpected visit in January. Ambassadors presented Helen Nolan, Branch Coordinator, and the staff at Northland Area Federal Credit Union with the chamber's Spotlight-a-Member award for January. NAFCU has been a chamber member for over 20 years.

New doctor's office opens on Michigan Avenue

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Dr. Brian Stirling recently moved his urology practice, AuSable Urology, to 809 Michigan Avenue.

The new building, which sits on the corner of Plum and Michigan, has been in construction since the end of July, 2004. He began seeing patients on

January 24.

"We hope to have our sign out on the road by the beginning of next week," said Dr. Stirling.

Dr. Stirling is originally from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He attended medical school in Kansas City, at the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He came to Grayling over two

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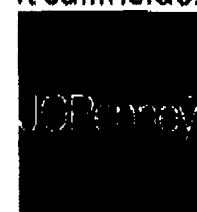


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Grayling High School recommends increasing graduation requirements

New requirements would affect incoming freshmen

The Grayling High School administration and staff have recommended that the required credits for graduation be increased from 22 credits to 25 credits, beginning with the class of 2009 (current 8th grade students).

Grayling High School currently has a much lower credit requirement than surrounding districts and league schools.

"We want our students to be in line with other schools in the area so they are just as prepared as other students for college and the workplace. By increasing the number of credits students are required to take, they are increasing their knowledge in all subject areas," said Doniel Pummell, Grayling High School Principal.

Currently, Grayling High School students can earn a total of 29 credits during the four years of high school, yet they only need 22 credits to graduate. This means that students can fail

seven full-year classes (14 one-semester classes) and still graduate.

"Students that fall into this category often think they have time to catch up, however, time slips away and they find themselves as juniors and seniors without enough credits to graduate. I believe that the less room for failure, the fewer students will fail. We need to have higher expectations for our students which will lead to higher achievement and success," Pummell said.

Grayling High School proposes requiring one additional credit in the area of mathematics, one-half additional credit of science and one and a half additional credits in electives areas.

Currently, students can complete their math requirement in two years. A student with two years of high school math may not fare as well on state tests, college entrance tests, or other tests taken during a student's senior

year. Pummell said that the additional half credit in science would enhance the student's future, whether the student is heading to college, trade school or the work force.

The remaining one and a half additional credits in the electives offer the students to choose among a plethora of elective choices in the areas that interest the students most.

"We want Grayling High School students to have the best possible education. This includes allowing them to make choices and develop plans for future study and/or careers after graduation. The education that a student receives at Grayling High School plays an important role in the rest of his or her life; therefore, our expectations and curricular offerings must represent a well-rounded, high-quality educational opportunity," Pummell said.

Graduation Credit Requirement Comparison

School	Credit Potential	Credits required for graduation	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
Grayling	29	22	4	2	2 1/2*	3
Boyer City	24	22	4	2	2	3
East Jordan	28	24	4	2	2	3
Elk Rapids	26	24	4	2.5	3	3
Farmington	28	27	4	3	3	3
Grayling	29	21	3	2	2	2.5
Harbor Springs	24	22	3	3	2	3
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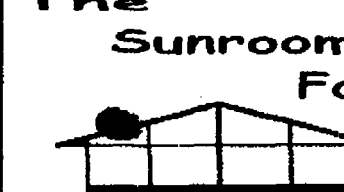


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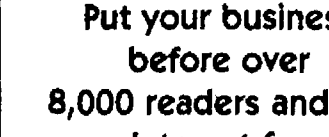
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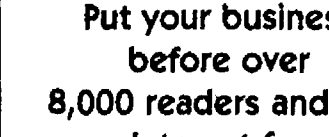
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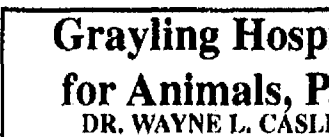
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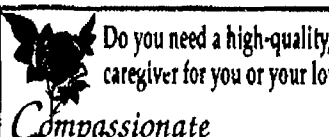
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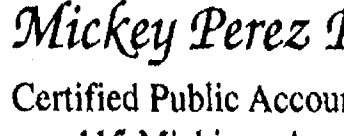
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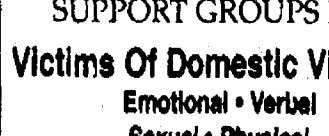
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Fun Run benefits Animal Shelter

Mother Nature held off the recent, unseasonably warm weather just long enough to make the first annual Snowmobile Fun Run a success, raising nearly \$1,900 for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Nearly \$1,500 was raised January 29 for daily operations and \$400 in Driving Into the Future raffle tickets were sold.

More than 30 riders from all over the state began their morning at The Ole Barn in Grayling with a continental breakfast, courtesy of Washington Mortgage Company, the event's main sponsor. Upon registration each participant received a T-shirt, a wrist band, trail map, pet calendar and support button, then hit the trail. One participant followed the tour in her personal vehicle on the main roads.

The group's stops were at Dingman's Tavern in Kalkaska, The Keg in Waters, Swamp II in Frederic and Fay's Motel in Grayling, then back to The Ole Barn for dinner.

Following the meal of sloppy joes, sausage and sauerkraut and soup provided by The Ole Barn owners Greg and Kathy Laudenslager, prizes were awarded. The top prize was taken by Grayling resident Tony McClenahan and he chose the George Foreman 21" Griddle. Other prizes included a 6-in-One Casino Game, valued at \$150, certificates for reduced rate or free motel rooms, a Comfort Gift Basket, a handmade lap quilt, and much more. No one walked away empty-handed and all prizes were donated for the event by local individuals and businesses.

The evening was topped off by several impromptu auctions of t-shirts and drawings. Everyone in the restaurant was invited to join in the fun even if they had not participated in the ride.

"Being our first event of this kind, we have learned a lot and promise even more fun and prizes next year," said organizer Mary Becker, senior mortgage banker with Washington Mortgage Company. She and fellow employee, Mary Garmo, helped keep the group motivated throughout the day and evening. "We were so happy everything went so well, especially that the weather cooperated and everyone had fun, all for a great cause."

"This event comes at such a crucial time for the shelter," said Shelter President Sharon Priebe. "We have the daunting task right now of keeping the existing facility running, while attempting to raise enough funding to build a desperately needed new building. It was extremely heartwarming to see so many people show their support for the animals."

Plans are already in the works for next year's Snowmobile Fun Run. In the meantime, anyone wishing to help build and operate a new shelter facility may purchase a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a new 2005 Dodge Durango SLT. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each.

To purchase a ticket in Grayling, visit the Crawford County Avalanche. The



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From left, Mary Garmo and Mary Becker of Washington Mortgage Company, along with Cheryl Ruley, Secretary/Treasurer of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, agreed the first annual Snowmobile Fun Run was a success and look forward to next year's event.



Photo courtesy of Mary Becker

Janis and Tony McClenahan of Grayling said they really enjoyed the Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Tony took the top prize for the event. Many prizes were awarded. All were donated by local individuals and businesses.

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Friends for Miracles snowmobile run

The Friends for Miracles snowmobile run on Sunday, January 30, had 32 sleds participating. It is the second year they ran, this year raising money for Chris Minnick, a Grayling youth with Burkitt's Lymphoma.

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By Ernie Harwell



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Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

- Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.
- Dress warmly and in layers.
- Drink water to avoid dehydration.
- Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.
- If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.

Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand.

Take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 87, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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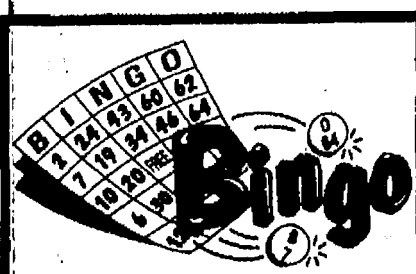
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Wertz Warriors again raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics

Group rides through Grayling for 24th consecutive year

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

For the 24th straight year, the Wertz Warriors rode into Grayling during their week-long quest to raise money for the Michigan Winter Special Olympics. And for 22 of those 24 years, Donald "Digger" Odell has been with them.

"There are six of the original riders left," Odell said.

The Wertz Warriors were founded by Vic Wertz, a retired third basemen for the Detroit Tigers, and a resident of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Wertz was born with polio, and so wanted to do something to help fund a sporting arena for those who nor-

mally were excluded: children and adult alike. He turned his attention to the Michigan Special Olympics.

Originally, it was proposed that the Wertz Warriors roll beer barrels from Mt. Clemens to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They settled on the comparatively sane option of driving around snowmobiles, collecting money raised by area businesses and communities.

"It became Vic's drive, but he died during the second year of it. After he died, it was difficult. We were using all his stuff. We all got together and decided that we should continue on with it," said Odell.

The original Wertz Warriors rode out of Mt. Clemens, though they now start by West Branch where there is usually more snow. They then tour around Northern Michigan for a solid week, riding over 900 miles, before heading to Traverse City, the current home of the Michigan Special Olympics. In Traverse, the riders take the Olympic participants on snowmobile rides. The Olympics took place this year from February 2 to February

4. "Watching the faces of the athletes light up at the end of the week is what keeps a lot of first-time Wertz Warriors coming back," Odell said.

Odell figured that the Wertz Warriors had donated the Special Olympics a total of \$8 million over the run. Last year, the Warriors wrote a check for \$285,000 for the Olympics.

Nancy Thompson, lounge manager at the Holiday Inn, said that Warriors used Grayling as a central point for their fundraising ventures.

"I'd like to see more support in Grayling. We're the only place they stay for two nights," Thompson said.

The Holiday Inn has hosted the Warriors for 22 years. The proceeds collected at the water wheel in the lounge are given to the Warriors. The Inn also donates a dollar for every drink bought during the Warriors' two night stay. They also rent the rooms at discount rates. The Grayling Order of the Moose used to host a fundraiser but has since stopped.

"Dingman's Bar, over in Bear

Lake, raised about \$30,000 this year. But everyone gives what they can. I know Houghton Lake made a big push over the course of the year," Odell said.

The Warriors consist of 58 riders and a support group of thirty. There are four semi's and a variety of other gear, all more or less donated. The Warriors provide the riders fuel and lodging, and the oil is donated. However, members must buy their own food, pay for any repairs for their snowmobiles (if they can't do it themselves) and miss a week of work.

They must also personally raise \$3,500 in fundraising to ride with the Warriors.

The Warriors have only one employee, a secretary. Odell said the volunteers could simply not keep up with all the paperwork.

"We'd like to make it a lot bigger affair in Grayling. There hasn't been a lot of fanfare or publicity for the Warriors around here," Thompson said.

Thompson suggested spaghetti dinners, golf outing and volleyball tournaments as a small list of potential community events.




Photo by Josh Greenberg
The Warriors fire up their snowmobiles early Wednesday morning for a day of riding for the Michigan Special Olympics.

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Mary Seger, GNP, PhD will provide a free community presentation on Heart Health for Women. The session will focus on the prevalence of heart disease in women and the preventative actions women can take to reduce their risk for the disease. Call the OMH Health Education Department, (989) 731-2193, for information.

Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screening
In recognition of American Heart Month, OMH will offer appointments for \$15 Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screenings on February 23, 2005 at 8 a.m.-noon and February 24, 2005 at 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Call the OMH Health Education Department, (989) 731-2193, to schedule an appointment.

Car Seat Safety Inspections
By appointment, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, February 19, Jim Wernig Chevrolet, Certified Car Seat Safety Inspectors will demonstrate how to fit your infant or child car seat into your vehicle. Bring the car seat you use and the vehicle it is most often used in. Call (989) 731-2124 for an appointment.

Additional Educational Opportunities

Breastfeeding Class
Expectant parents will learn breastfeeding basics such as latch on, frequency of nursing, hunger cues, how to tell when baby is getting enough, positions for feeding, and returning to work. Classes are offered frequently throughout the year. Please call (989) 731-2124 to register or for more information.

Diabetes: Before, During and After You Get It. 7 p.m., April 13, OMH Classroom
OMH Diabetes Educator Marilyn Porter, RD, CDE, will offer a free informational program on pre-diabetes, and diabetes to inform you how you can make changes to delay or prevent the onset of diabetes and cope with it if you have it.

Infant & Child CPR Class
This is a 3-hour training session intended for lay-persons who wish to learn CPR skills and preventative first aid training for infants and children. Cost is \$15/person or \$25/couple. Pre-registration is required. To register for an upcoming class or for further information call Mary King at (989) 731-2193.

Childbirth Education Class
Journey To Parenthood childbirth education series is offered throughout the year. Weekday and Saturday courses are available to meet your schedule. Childbirth education, including lamaze breathing techniques, muscle tone exercise, relaxation, pain management, C-section, nutrition, postpartum, labor and delivery, is recommended during the seventh month of pregnancy. Please call the Childbirth Education Coordinator at (989) 731-2124 to register or for information.

Diabetes Self Management Education Classes. An ongoing series designed to help those living with or recently diagnosed with diabetes to manage the disease and live a fulfilling life. Series covers the basics, risks of complications, medications, physical activity, meal plans, foot care and more. Call (989) 731-2194 for information and a class schedule.

"I'm A Big Kid Now!" Sibling preparation class
Expectant families with children ages 3-10 are invited to register for the sibling preparation class. Children will explore life with a new baby using hands-on hospital play, bathing, diapering, art, story, and video. A child's tour of the Birthing Center is included. There is a \$5 fee per child and parents are required to accompany their children. Call (989) 731-2124 to register for the next available class.

Freedom From Smoking
OMH Health Education offers Freedom From Smoking classes several times a year to area residents who wish to quit smoking. The six week session are each about 90 minutes. The cost is \$40 per person. Contact us for information on the next session or for a Smoker's Quit Kit at (989) 731-2193.

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If your group or organization would like to have a speaker on a health related topic please call OMH Community Health Education at (989) 731-2193.

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The OMH Tobacco Cessation Support Group meetings are offered at no cost to individuals who are thinking about quitting or have quit smoking and need support. Call (989) 731-2193 for information and schedule.

Community CPR Day at OMH
Two sessions offered, Saturday, April 2. Lay persons in the community are invited to sign-up for the Family and Friends CPR class. You will learn how to recognize signs and symptoms of heart attack, stroke and choking and you will learn about prevention and what you can do to assist someone who is experiencing one of these life-threatening emergencies. The cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required. Call Community Health Education at (989) 731-2193 to register.

HeartSaver First Aid, CPR, AED Training
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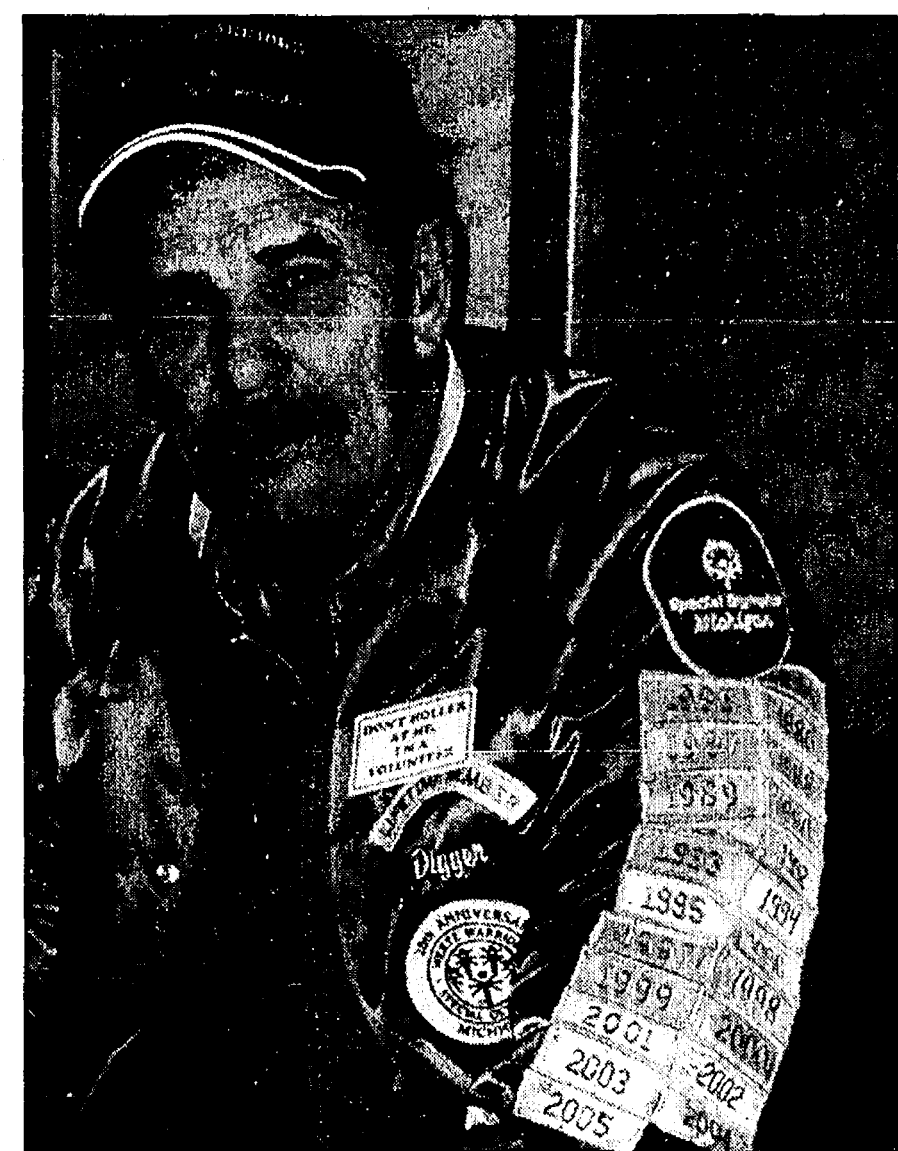


Photo by Josh Greenberg
Donald "Digger" Odell wears his years of service to Wertz Warriors on the arm in the form of patches -- 22 in all.

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Local students help with tsunami relief

Grayling youth raise money to aid overseas victims

Students in Mrs. Baynham's 5th grade class at Grayling Elementary collected well over their goal of \$500 in coins to help aid the victims of the tsunami, raising a total of \$724.51.

Students Darcy Greer and Elaine DesEnfants began the

coin drive, and did much of the work on it.

"It was completely their idea - a lot of their classmates stayed after school to help," said Baynham.

Almost all the money was in change, and the coins had to be

rolled before they were sent away. Donations were taken from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

"We'd get \$50 in pennies," Baynham said.

Proceeds will be given to the Save The Children Foundation.



Photo courtesy of Sandy Baynham

Elaine DesEnfants (left) and Darcy Greer (right) spearheaded a fundraising campaign for tsunami victims.



Photo courtesy of Sandy Baynham

Mrs. Baynham's fifth grade class chipped in to help those in need.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Miranda E. Demoinis has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and cer-

mony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Demoinis' mother is Carolyn J. Gnath of Palmer, Alaska, and her aunt is Sally Dedafae of Grayling.

The private graduated in the

year 2000 from New Directions High School, Big Rapids.

Card of Thanks

The First Annual Snowmobile Fun Run on January 29th was a blast! We would like to thank organizer Mary Becker, her sidekick Mary Garmo, and Washington Mortgage Company, as well as our gracious hosts Greg and Kathy Laudenslager and their most helpful staff at The Ole Barn, for a wonderfully successful event that raised nearly \$1,900 for the shelter.

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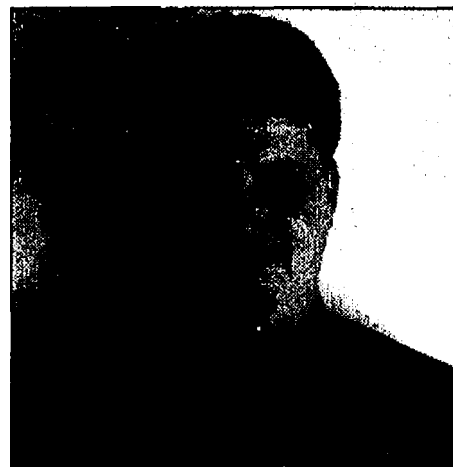
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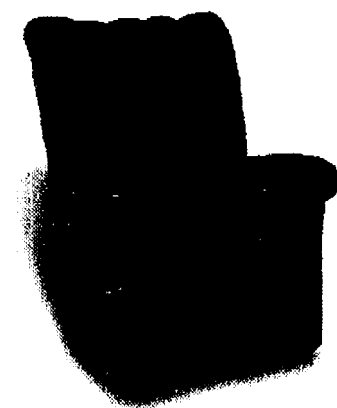
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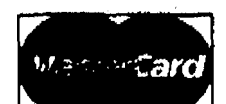
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

ROSCOMMON - It was Kirtland's second heartbreaking loss in five days, despite the efforts of Firebirds DeMarvelous Carter and Frank Washington. Carter sank 26 points against Oakland Community College on Wednesday, February 2, and Washington added 23, but it wasn't enough to close the gap in the 93-89 road loss.

Bernard Daniels was also in double digits for the Firebirds with 11 points, as was David Allison with 10. Washington and Daniels led in assists, with 8 and 7, respectively, while Craig Ash pulled down 16 rebounds.

"We struggled with this game, though," said disappointed Firebirds' coach Glen Donahue. "We have to come back and play well for the rest of the season."

Kirtland's 5-4 MCCA Eastern Conference record (15-8 overall) keeps the Firebirds in third place in the conference, behind Mott CC (9-0) and Henry Ford CC (6-2). With only six games remaining in the regular season, however, Kirtland's chances to make a bid for second place continue to narrow.

ROSCOMMON - After being ahead for most of their game against the Wayne County Community College Wildcats, Kirtland's Firebirds took a disappointing 71-66 loss in men's basketball action at the CRAC Center on Saturday, January 29.

Bernard Daniels led the Firebirds' scoring drive with 19 points, followed by Frank Washington with 16 and David Allison with 14. Under the basket, Craig Ash pulled in 11 rebounds.

Top scorer for the Wildcats was Richard Henderson with 22.

The loss dropped the Firebirds to 5-3 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference (15-7 overall), which is enough for third place, but just barely, with Wayne CCC biting at their heels in fourth place at 4-4.

"We're going to have to make a comeback and rectify this situation in the remainder of the season in order to stay in third," said Kirtland men's coach Glen Donahue.

Women's Team

ROSCOMMON - Snapping their three-game winning streak but, with any luck, not the heart of the team, Kirtland's Lady Firebirds took a rough 88-66 road loss to Oakland Community College in Waterford on Wednesday, February 3.

Meghan Bastian, a Kirtland freshman from Hale, sent up 18 points in the effort, while teammate Nynne Larsen, from Denmark, added 16 points.

In addition to a stellar all-around performance, Felon Harris contributed 11 assists.

The loss came after three large-margin wins by the Lady Firebirds. In the most recent, Kirtland accomplished a complete reversal of a dismal matchup they'd suffered earlier in the season against the Wildcats of Wayne County Community College. On Saturday, January 29, they avenged their previous 29-point loss by defeating the Wildcats 76-57 on the Firebirds' home court in Roscommon.

Firebirds coach Teresa Stuck said she was proud of the way her players stepped up Saturday, especially with Amanda Cooper out with a severely sprained ankle.

Bastian led the way, running the floor, grabbing rebounds and hitting 8 for 9 from the floor for 18 points. Kenzie Steward shot

6 for 6, for 17 points and again, Harris had a tremendous game.

"She played a lot of minutes against a pressure defense and had 5 assists but never turned the ball over," Stuck said of Harris. "Her development as a point guard is really shining."

Harris also grabbed 8 boards and 3 steals.

Ashley Andrews, a freshman from West Branch, and Jamie Deut, a sophomore from Grayling, gave a great defensive effort, keeping the second-leading scorer in the nation, Wayne's Valerie McQueen, to just 14 points.

"They're seeing a different team now than they were during the first half of the season," said an optimistic Stuck about how opponents are viewing her team.

"They've gone from being strangers to one another at the beginning of the season, to playing as a team," she said.

The recent games left the Lady Firebirds with a 4-6 record in the MCCA Eastern Conference (7-16 overall), which has them in a three-way tie for sixth, with five conference games left on the schedule. A sixth game, scheduled for Saturday, February 5, against Henry Ford Community College will not be played but will be considered a win as Henry Ford's women's team folded mid-season.

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High Series Women: M. Rysso, 410; H. Stairs, 409; S. Barber, 381.
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High Game Men: P. Benardo, 256; D. Canfield, 236; M. Horton, 220.
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 191; T. Benardo, 189; K. Moshier, 178.
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7 Ball Run: Rose (Frederic Inn).

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Grayling girls win Friday's slalom event

■ Vikings win 14 individual medals at Crystal Mt. on February 4

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams combined for 14 medals – their biggest medal collection of the year – and both placed 2nd overall at

last Friday's Benzie Invitational at Crystal Mountain.

The GHS girls team placed first out of seven schools in the slalom event. Katie Baynham (4th) and Mallory Olson (6th) earned medals with top-10 finishes. Erica Moggo placed 11th, Kassie McClain was 14th, Gabby Calkins took 23rd,

and Cassie Pizzi lost a ski two gates above the finish. The Vikings led by 12 points after the slalom event.

In giant slalom (GS), Baynham (3rd) was Grayling's only medal winner. "Katie did a little hip bounce on the hill and slid about 15 feet but recovered. In her second course she finished 1st with a .13 lead

over the event winner," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Olson took 13th in GS, Moggo was 16th, Calkins placed 18th, McClain 22nd, and Pizzi 24th.

The Vikings finished 3rd in GS and finished four points behind 1st place Mt. Pleasant

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See "SKI TEAMS..."



The 2005 GHS ski team: (front, L to R) John Ventline, Charles Hughes, Kelly Richards, Nathan Parens; (middle, L to R) Gabby Calkins, Erica Moggo, Kassie McClain, Katie Baynham, Cassandra Pizzi; (back, L to R) Jim Hilbrecht, Andrew Hart, Patrick McNally, James Jansen, Trevor Clough, Jon Handy, Adam Gilbert, Coach Mike Wieland. Not pictured: Jessica Baker, Mallory Olson, Nicholas Smith.

GHS moves to 8-1 in league

Vikings post victories at Boyne City and Kalkaska

■ Basketball team adds two to win total for a 12-2 record

The GHS varsity boys basketball team won both of its games last week – two league matchups on the road – improving its

overall record to 12-2.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won at Kalkaska 66-56.

Grayling led by one, 16-15, at the end of the first quarter, and had a 28-25 advantage at half-time. The Vikings took a 46-35 edge into the fourth period and

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Eli VanNuck drives to the basket for Grayling in last Tuesday's game at Kalkaska.

Vikings win two of three meets at Kalkaska

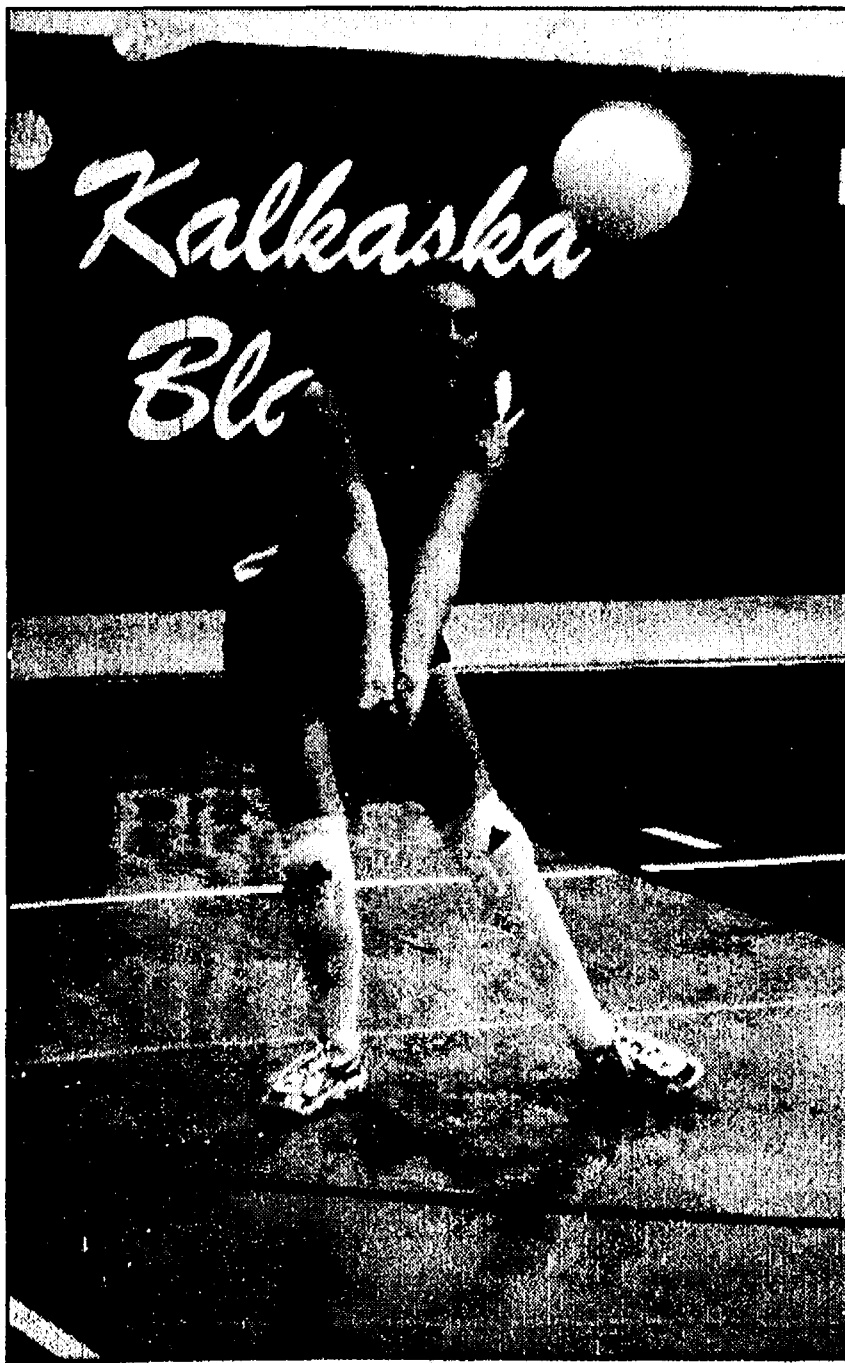


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Alyssa Farrell hits the ball for Grayling from the back row in last Thursday's varsity volleyball series at Kalkaska. The Blazers won the best-of-three set. For more, see Page 4B.

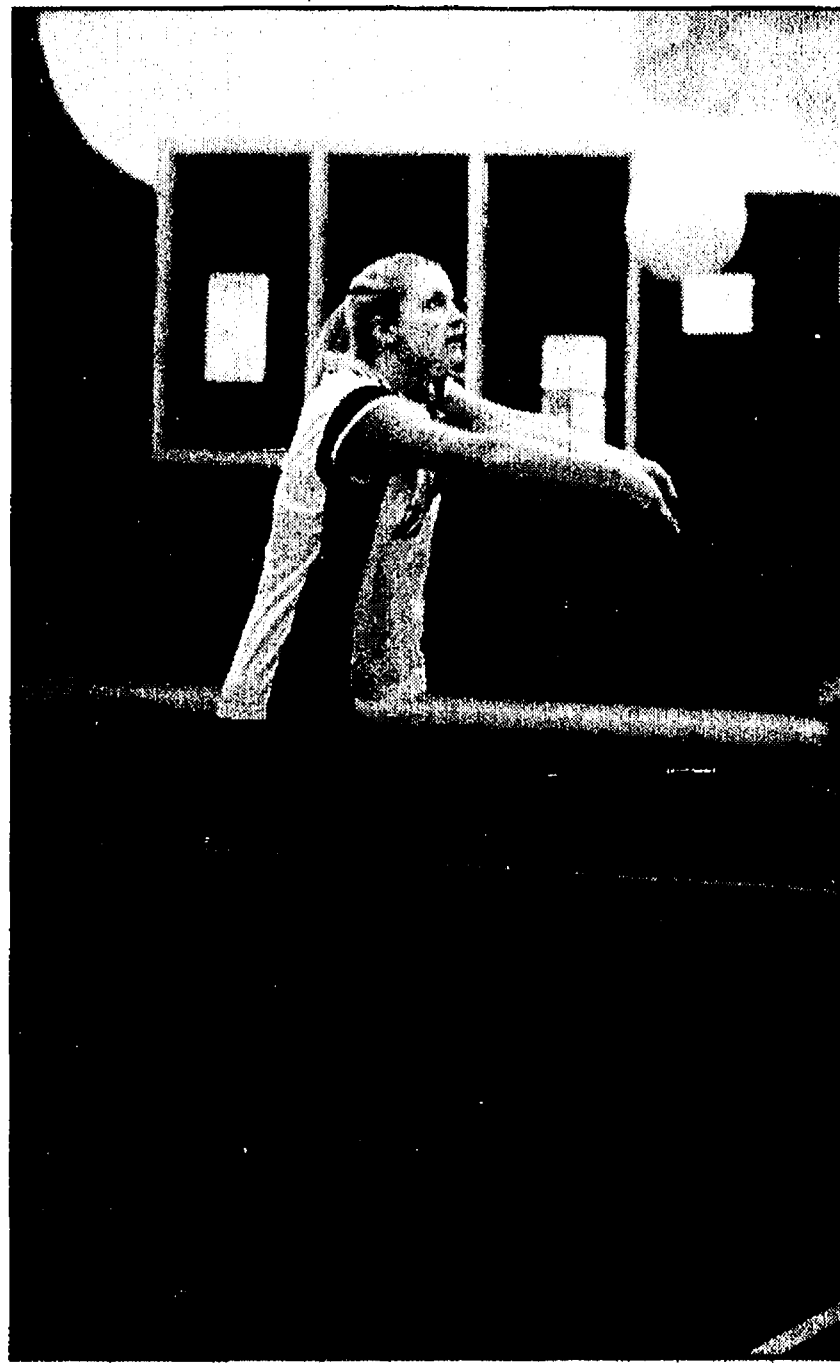


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Heather Lafferty keeps the ball alive for the Vikings in Thursday night's junior varsity match vs. Kalkaska. Grayling won the series 3-0. For more, see Page 5B.



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Rachel Ward hits the ball for Grayling's freshman team in last week's 9th grade volleyball meet at Kalkaska High School. GHS won the contest 2-1. For more, see Page 5B.

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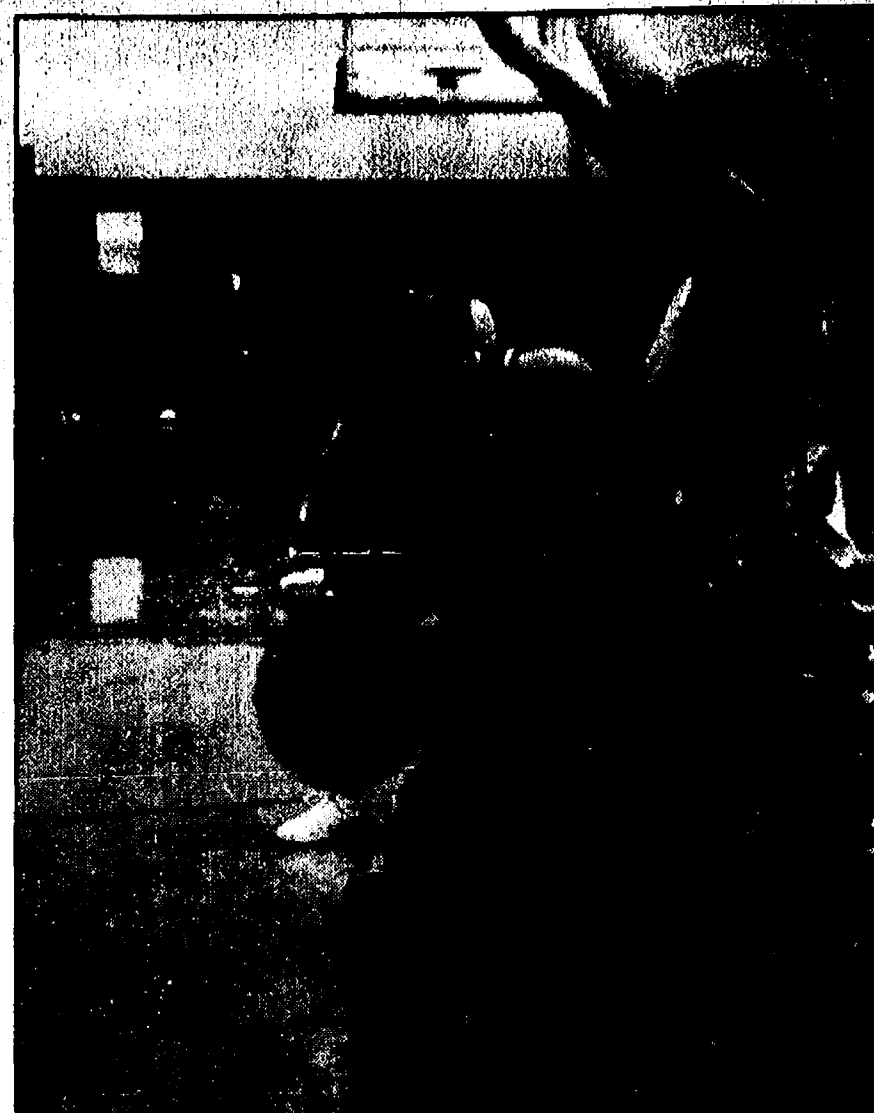
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Mike Boylan shoots from the free throw line for GHS at Kalkaska on Tuesday.



Zach Dean handles the ball down low for the Vikings vs. Kalkaska.

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GHS moves to 8-1 in league

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won the game by 10, 66-56.

The victory improved Grayling's Lake Michigan Conference record to 7-1 and moved its overall record to 11-2.

On Friday, Grayling defeated the Boyne City Ramblers 61-41 at Boyne City.

The Ramblers led 12-9 after one quarter and had a one-point lead at halftime, 25-24. Grayling outscored Boyne 19-11 in the third quarter and sealed the win with an 18-5 fourth period.

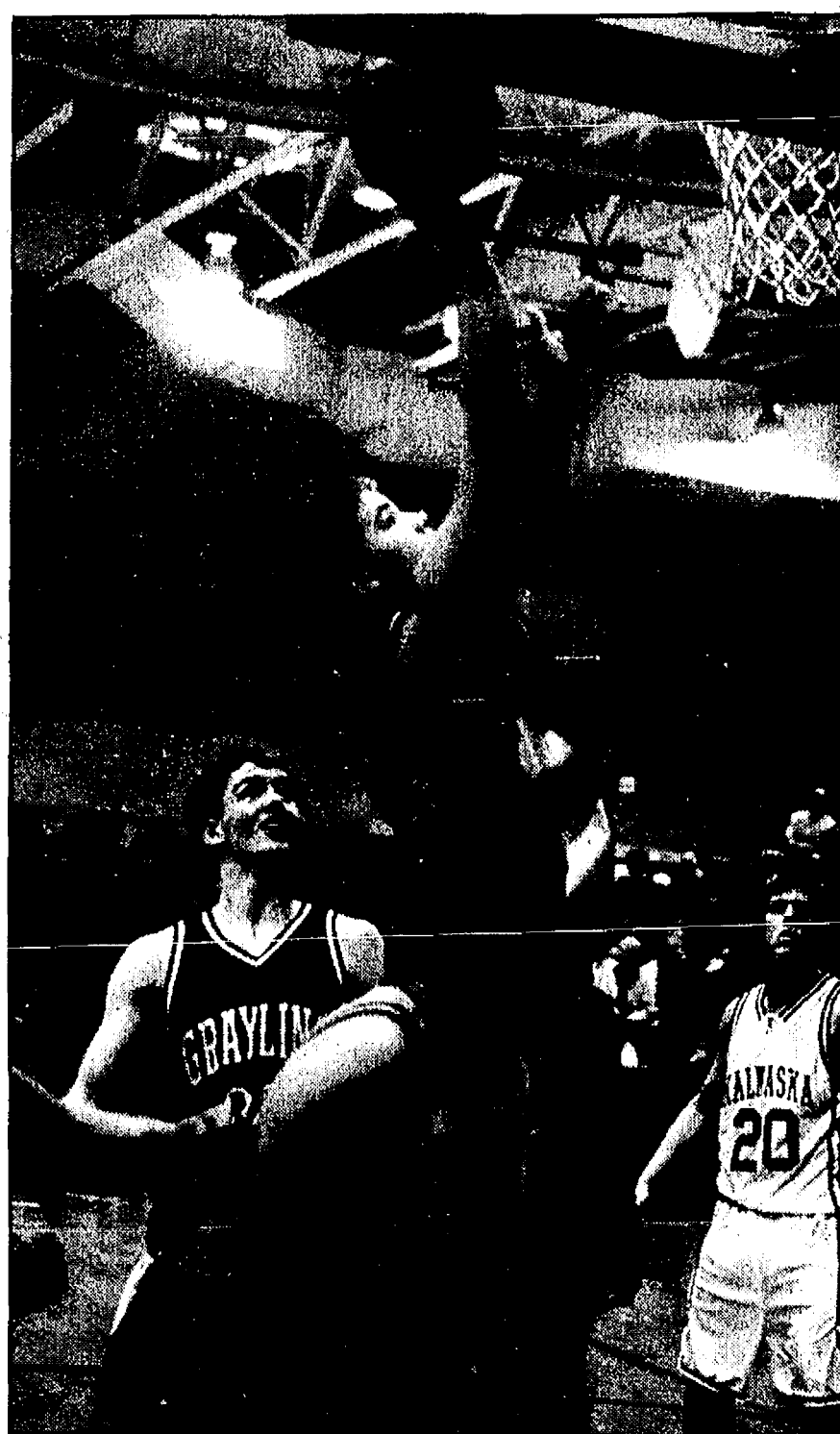
"We got off to a very slow start in this game. Our team had to come back versus some adverse conditions in the second half," Coach Rich Moffitt said. "Our game intensity was much better in the second half."

Gibson Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling with 27 points. Josh Millikin, Josh Hinkle, Jim Boylan, Matt Swope, Mike Boylan, Bobby

Starks, Zac Baker, and Ryan Feldhauser also scored points for GHS.

Friday's win moved Grayling's league record to 8-1 and its overall record to 12-2.

The Vikings play at East Jordan on Friday, February 11. Both of next week's games will be played on the road - at Harbor Springs on Tuesday and at Elk Rapids on Friday.



Matt Swope shoots an inside shot for GHS on Tuesday night.



Josh Hinkle takes a jump shot for Grayling at Kalkaska.

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Justin Summers handles the ball for Grayling's JV team at Kalkaska last Tuesday.



Jeremiah Bootz goes for a lay-up in Tuesday night's JV game vs. Kalkaska.

JV basketball squad loses two on the road

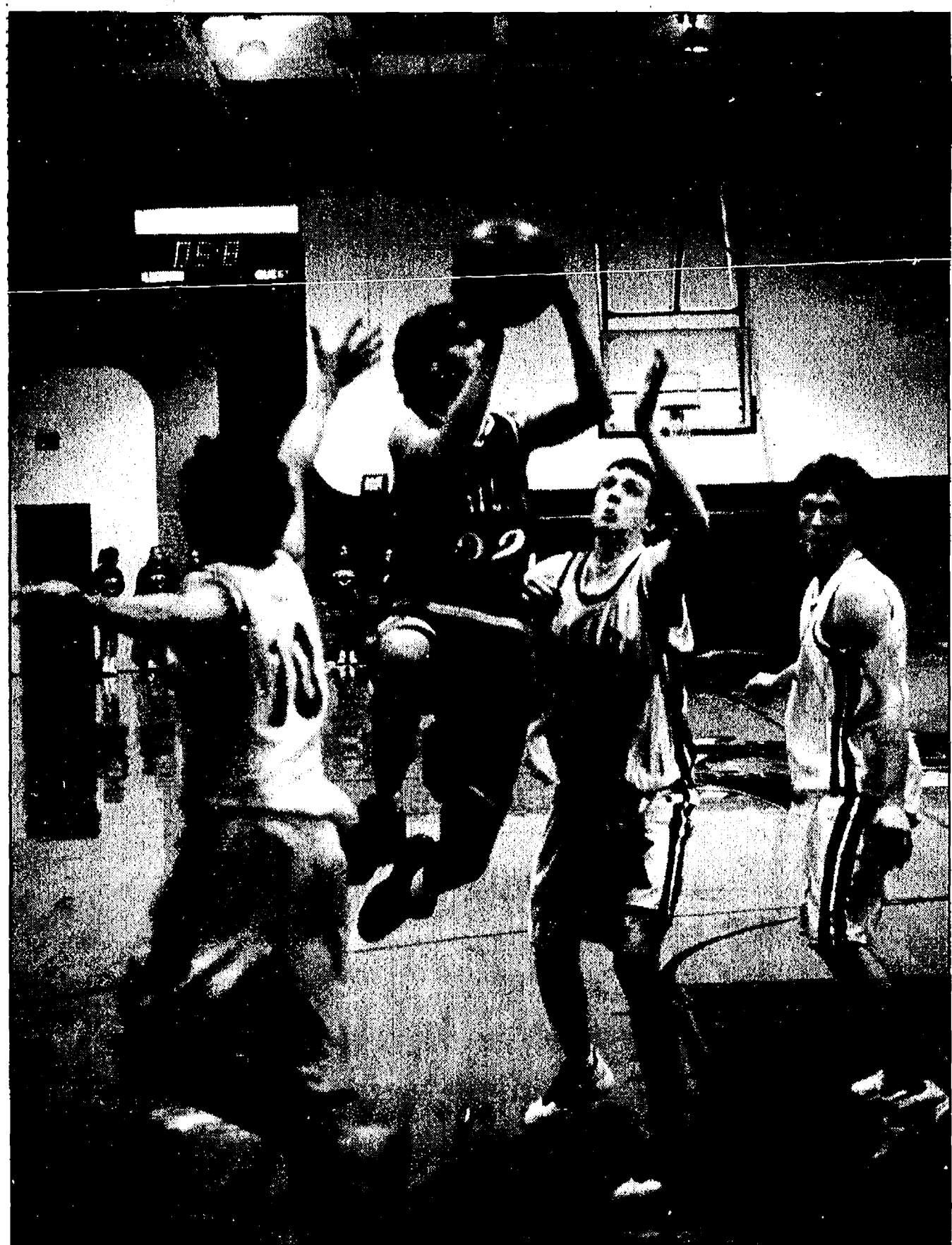
■ Vikings fall to Kalkaska Blazers and Boyne City Ramblers

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team lost both of its games last week - one at Boyne City and one at Kalkaska. On Friday, the Vikings led 10-6 after one quarter at Boyne City, but trailed 24-21 at halftime. The Ramblers outscored Grayling 27-13 in the second half to win the

game by a final score of 51-34. "Defensively we played well enough to win. Ryan Cooper set the tone for us on defense," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "On offense we were not very aggressive. We shot 16 free throws compared to Boyne's 31 and only scored 13 points in the second half." Leading scorers for GHS were Nick Parkinson (11), Doug Slater (8) and Jeremiah Bootz (6). On Tuesday, the Vikings lost at Kalkaska 66-23.

Grayling got off to a good start with a 13-6 first quarter. The Blazers outscored the Vikings 22-0 in the second quarter and went on to win the game by a large margin. "We played a great first quarter but fell apart from there," Coach Kucharek said. "Kalkaska's press really got to us during the second quarter. We had 35 turnovers for the game." Bootz (8) and Parkinson (6) were the leading rebounders for Grayling at Kalkaska.

The Vikings play at East Jordan on Friday, February 11.

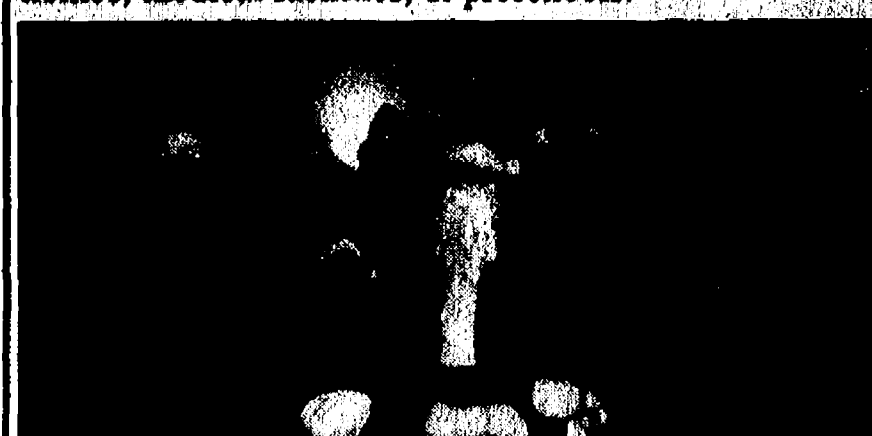


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(Above) Doug Slater shoots for the Vikings against Kalkaska on Tuesday. (Left) Rocky McNamara handles the ball for GHS.



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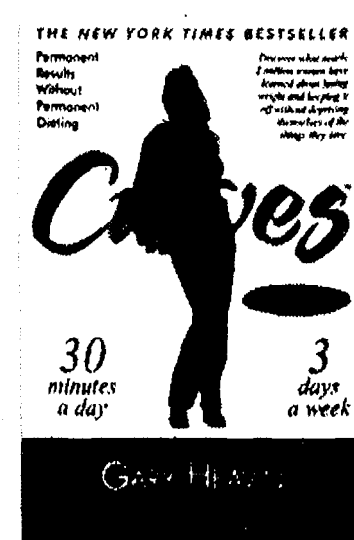
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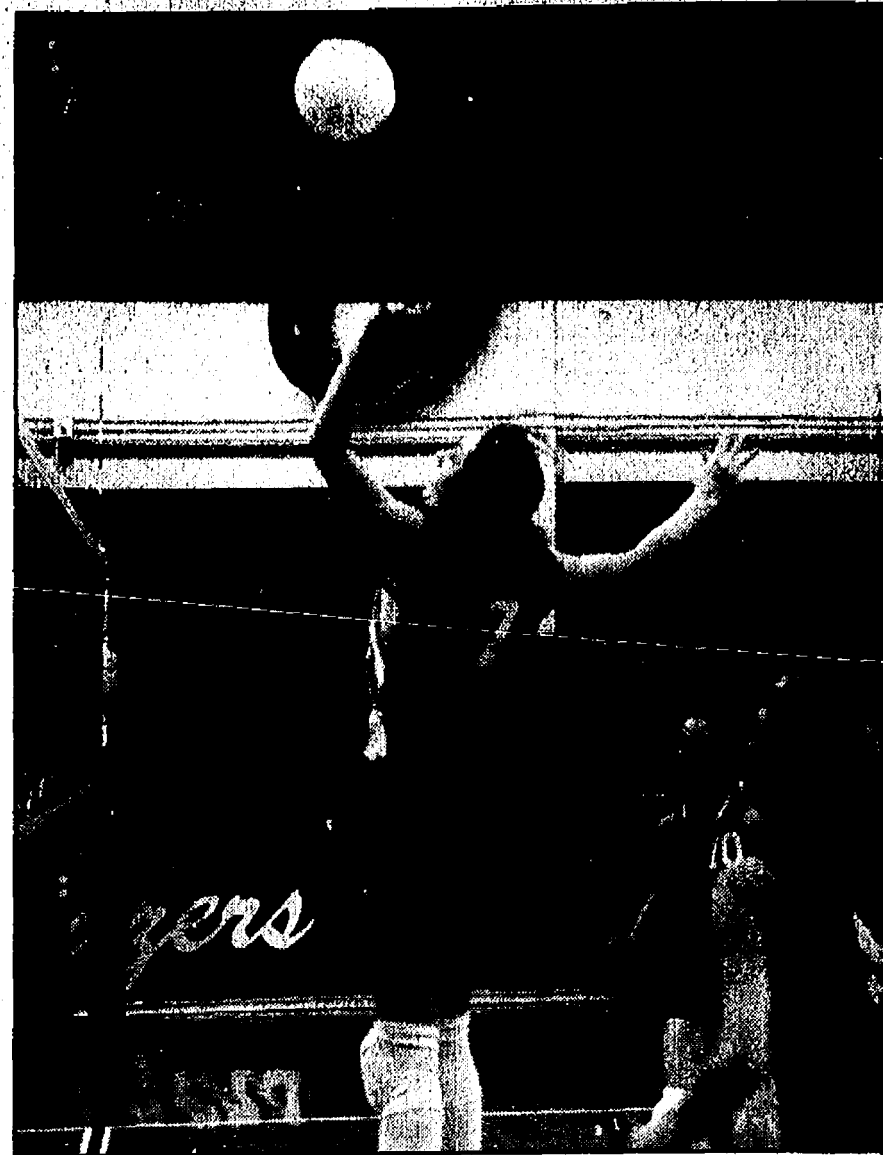
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Kalkaska wins varsity series



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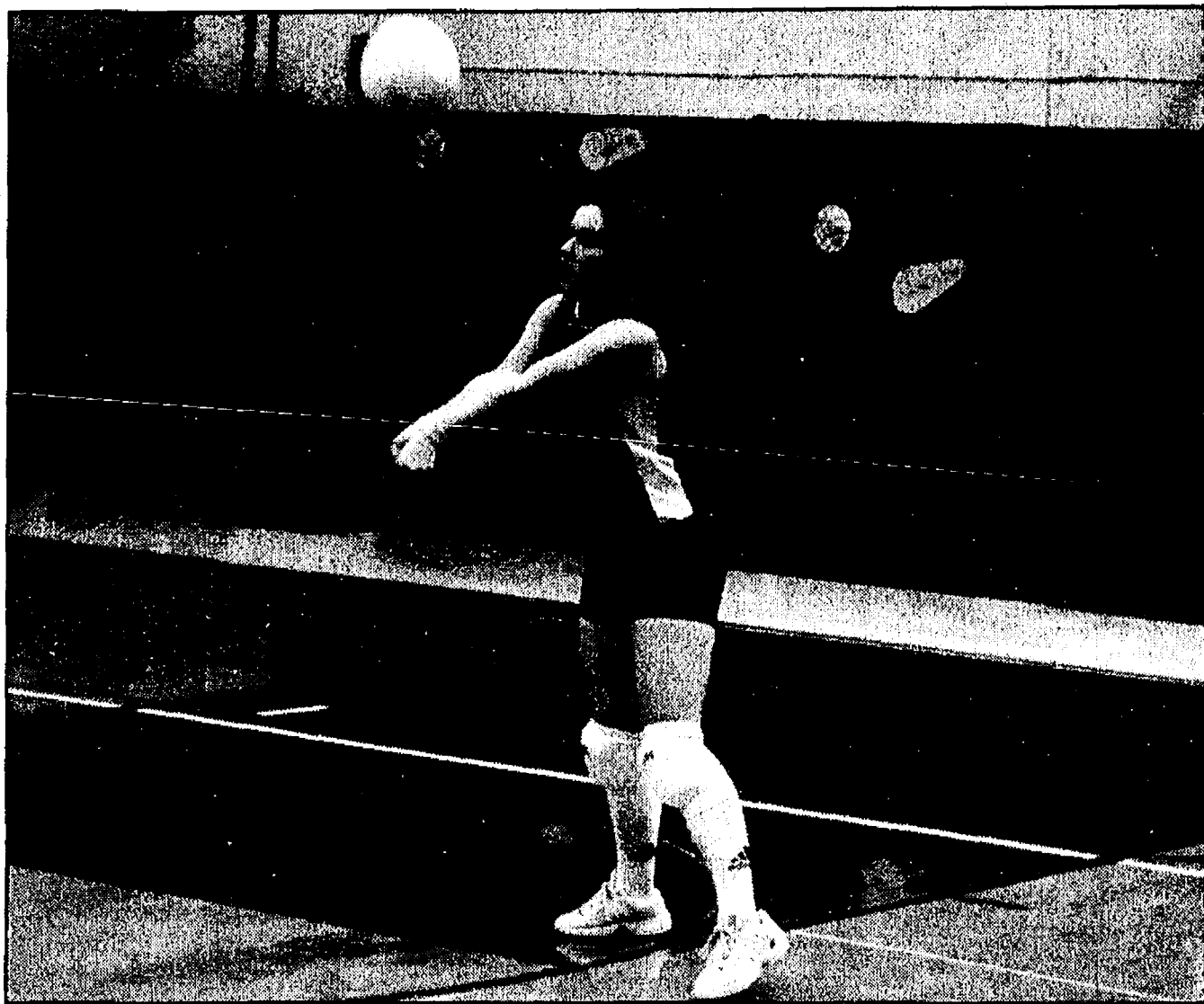
Jenny VanNuck sets a ball for Grayling in last Thursday's varsity volleyball series at Kalkaska. The Blazers won 25-16, 25-23, and 25-22.



Alyssa Farrell goes up for a shot at the net in Thursday night's meet against Kalkaska.

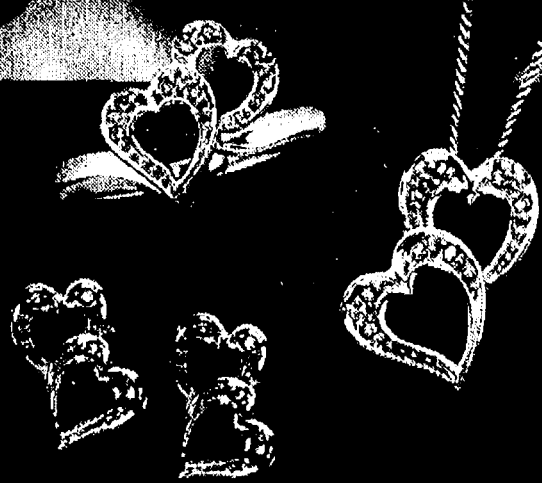


Jessie Morley sets for the Vikings.



Angeanette Lovely hits a ball from the back row on Thursday.

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Ski teams finish 2nd at Benzie Invitational

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"Five of the teams in this meet will be in our regional and if the Lady Vikes ski giant slalom faster it will give them a good chance of moving on," Coach Wieland said.

The Benzie Invitational also awarded medals for combined times by adding all four runs. Baynham (3rd overall), Olson (5th), and Moggo (8th) each won medals. McClain finished 13th overall, Calkins was 15th, and Pizzi placed 27th.

The GHS boys team finished 2nd overall behind the host school, Benzie. Trevor Clough,

Pat McNally, Adam Gilbert, and Jon Handy all won medals for Grayling.

"The first event was giant slalom and our number one racer, Jim Jansen, was home due to sickness. Everyone stepped it up a notch and skied very well and finished 2nd behind Benzie by seven points," Coach Wieland said.

Clough (4th), McNally (9th), and Gilbert (10th) won medals for Grayling in GS. Handy placed 11th and Jimmy Hilbrecht finished 27th. Kelly Richards, in his first varsity race, lost a ski and was disqualified. In JV competition, Andrew Hart took 29th and John Ventline placed 48th.

In slalom, McNally (3rd) and Clough (6th) both won medals. Handy placed 15th, Hart took 26th, and Richards finished 29th. Gilbert was in medal contention but missed a gate and was disqualified.

In JV competition, Hilbrecht placed 24th, and Ventline finished 48th.

"Our slalom race usually helps the Vikes make up points but today it didn't," Coach Wieland said.

In the combined times results, Clough finished 4th, McNally was 5th, and Handy took 10th, moving Grayling's medal collection to 14. Hilbrecht was 21st overall, Hart was 23rd, Gilbert took 28th, Richards finished 47th, and Ventline placed 48th.

On Thursday, the Vikings competed at Boyne Mountain in the last league meet before the conference championship event. The boys team won seven races and lost three while the girls squad won four and lost six.

For the boys, McNally placed 6th in slalom and 17th in GS. Clough was 9th in GS and placed 20th in slalom after a fall. Handy took 17th in slalom and 14th in GS. Gilbert was 16th in slalom and 20th in GS. Jansen placed 21st in slalom after falling and finished 18th in GS. Hart took 24th in slalom and Hilbrecht finished 28th in GS. No JV skiers competed due to illness and injury.

The Vikings finished 3rd for the first time this year behind Harbor Springs and Traverse City St. Francis.

In the girls competition, Grayling finished fourth out of seven league schools.

Top skiers for GHS were Baynham (11th in slalom) and Olson (13th in GS). "Both girls lost skis on the rutted courses in their other races and were disqualified," Coach Wieland said.

Moggo was the top overall finisher for GHS with a 15th in slalom and 16th in GS. Calkins placed 16th in slalom and 22nd in GS. McClain placed 15th in GS (her best league finish in the event) but disqualified in slalom after a crash. Pizzi was disqualified in slalom after missing a gate and placed 19th with her best GS finish of the year.

"It was an up and down meet as some skied their best and some had their worst finishes. We need to get healthy and back to a more consistent team effort before our league championship at Nubs Nob on the 23rd," Coach Wieland said.

The Vikings ski at Schuss Mountain on Thursday, February 10, at 10 a.m. in the Bellaire Invitational.

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Vikings of the Week

Kassie McClain
 Skiing
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KASSIE MCCLAIN & JON HANDY

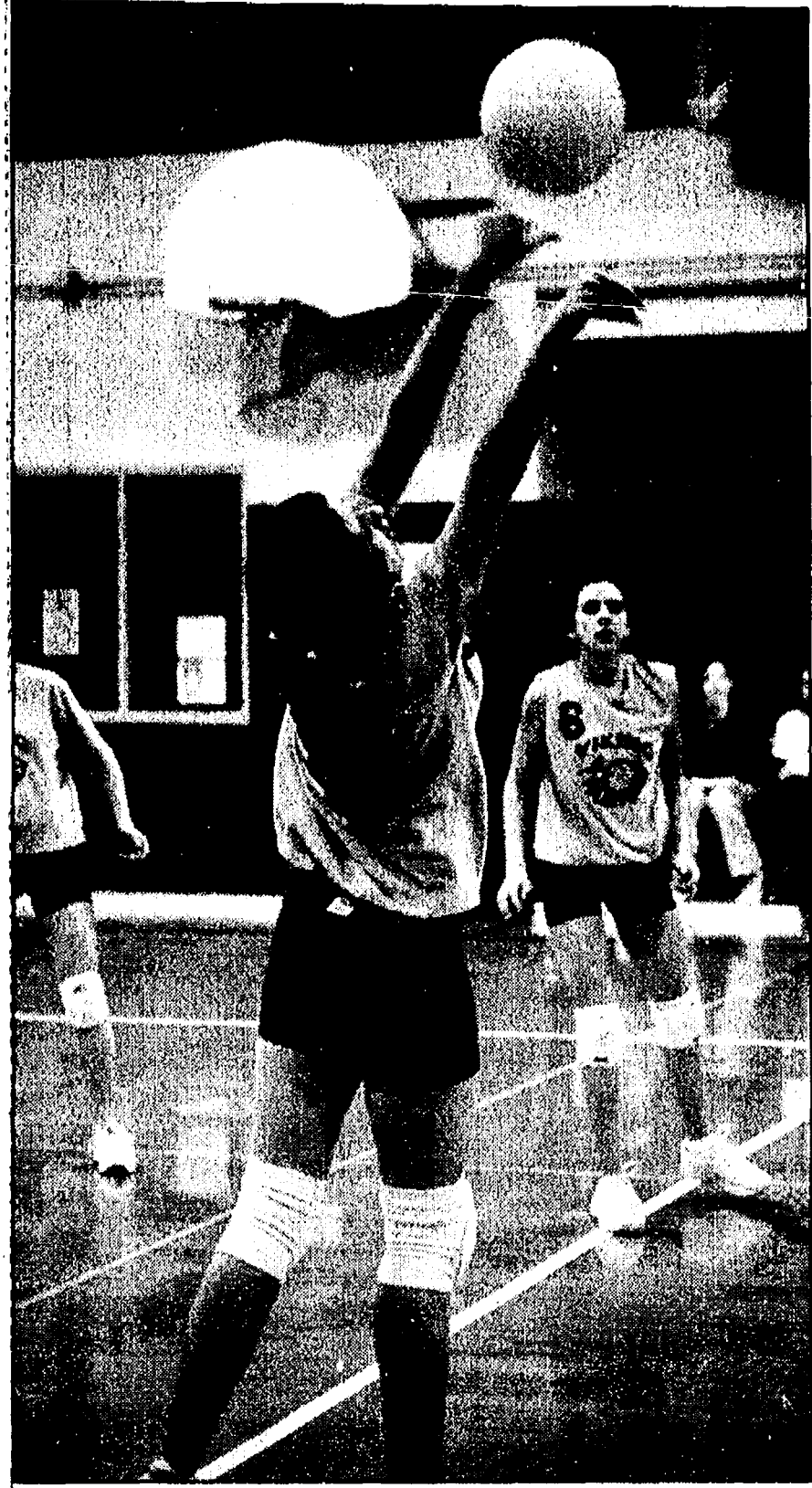
Kassie was 2nd on the team in giant slalom with her best league performance of the year in that event. Jon had his most consistent week. The team used his scores in both meets last week.

JV, freshman teams win at Kalkaska

Grayling High School's junior varsity and freshman girls volleyball teams both won best-of-three sets at Kalkaska last Thursday. The 9th grade Vikings lost the first game of their series 26-24, but tied the match with a 30-28 victory in the second game. Grayling won the rubber match 15-12 to take the series 2-1.

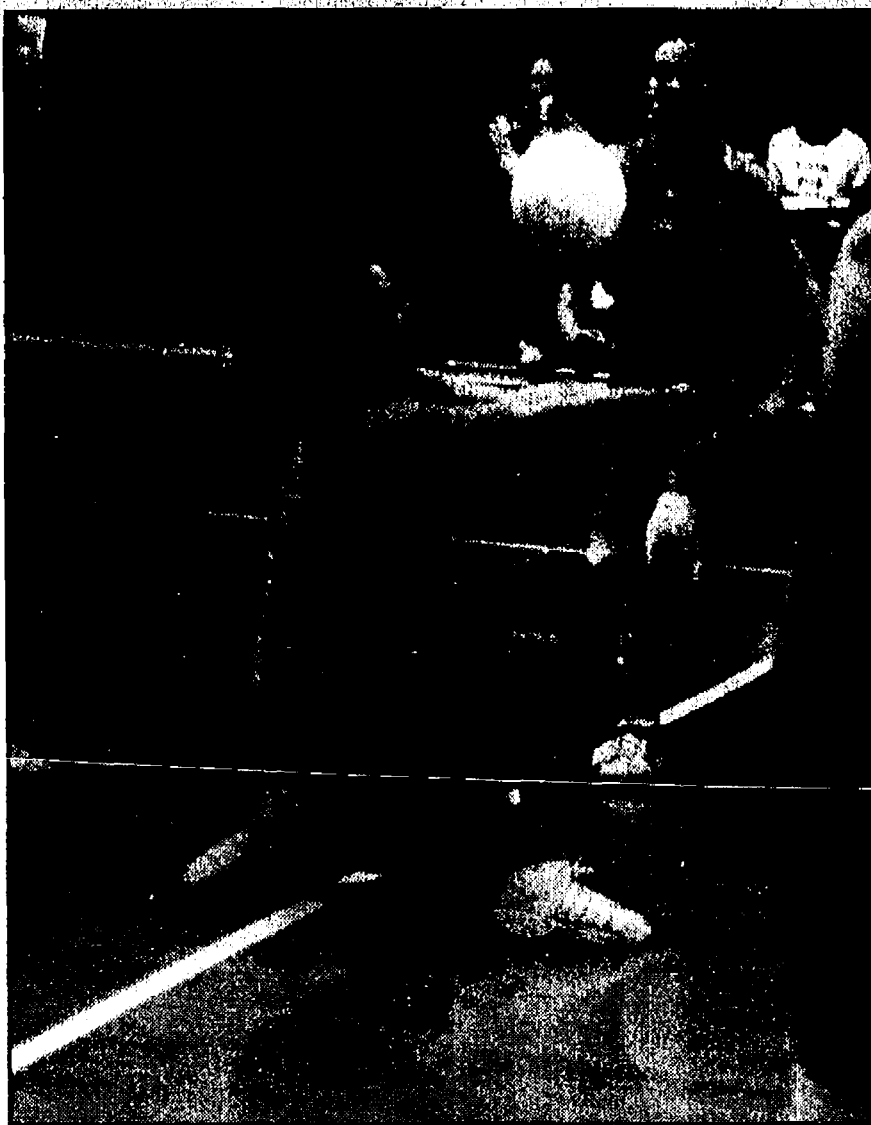
In the JV contest, Grayling won all three games. Final scores were 25-19, 25-11, and 25-22.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Monday, February 14, at 6 p.m. On Thursday, February 17, the Vikings will host Charlevoix and Harbor Springs.

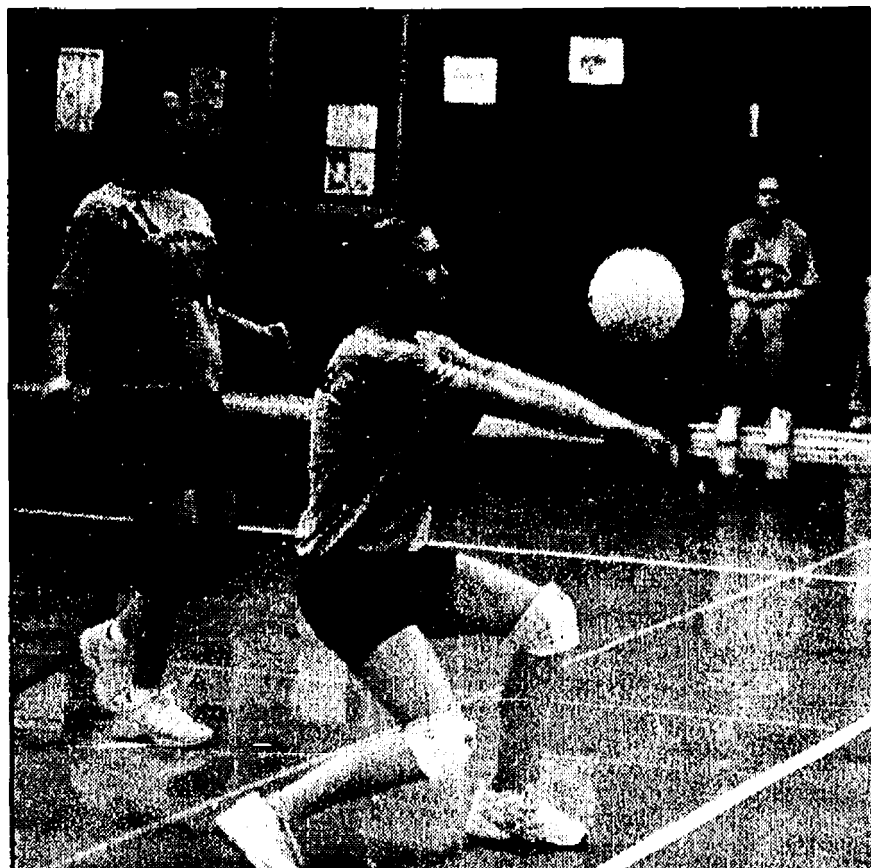


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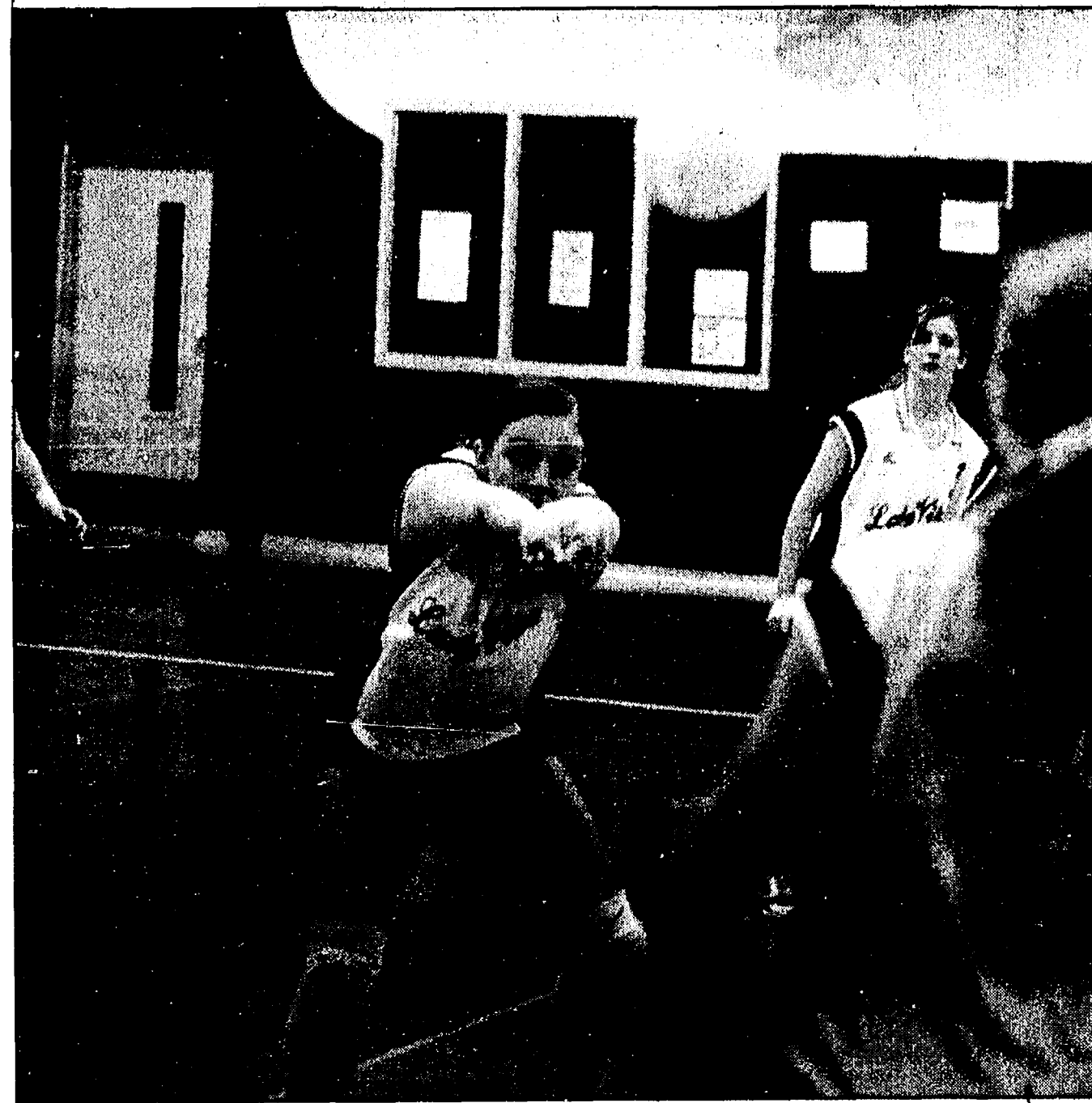
Shentele Apps hits a ball from the front row in last week's freshman volleyball meet at Kalkaska.



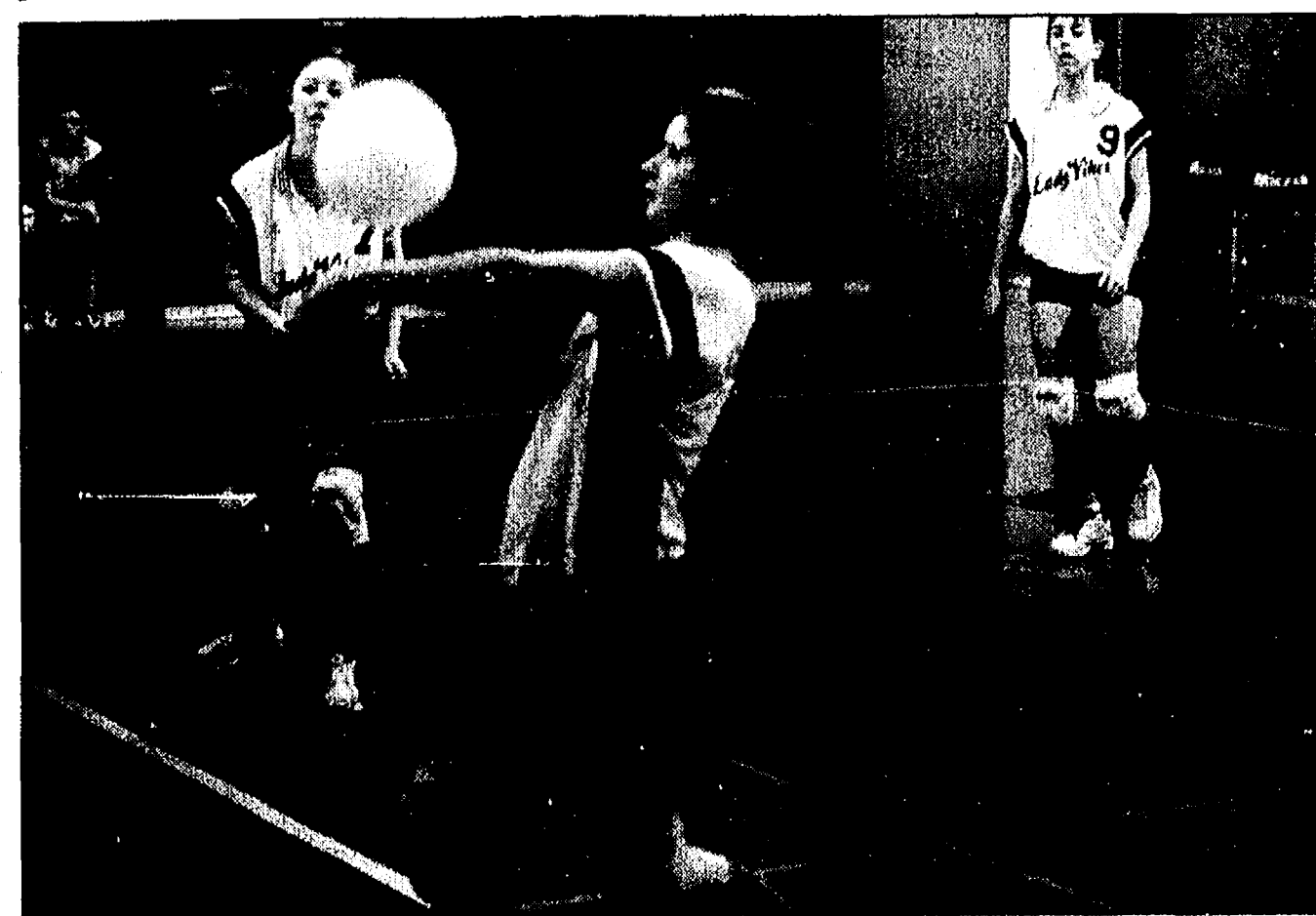
Megan Etzler of the freshman team goes low to keep the ball alive for the Vikings.



Rachel Doremire hits a ball for GHS during last Thursday's freshman volleyball meet.



Jessica SanFilippo keeps the ball alive for the Vikings in Thursday night's junior varsity volleyball meet vs. Kalkaska.



Megan Burrick hits the ball for Grayling during last week's JV meet at Kalkaska High School.

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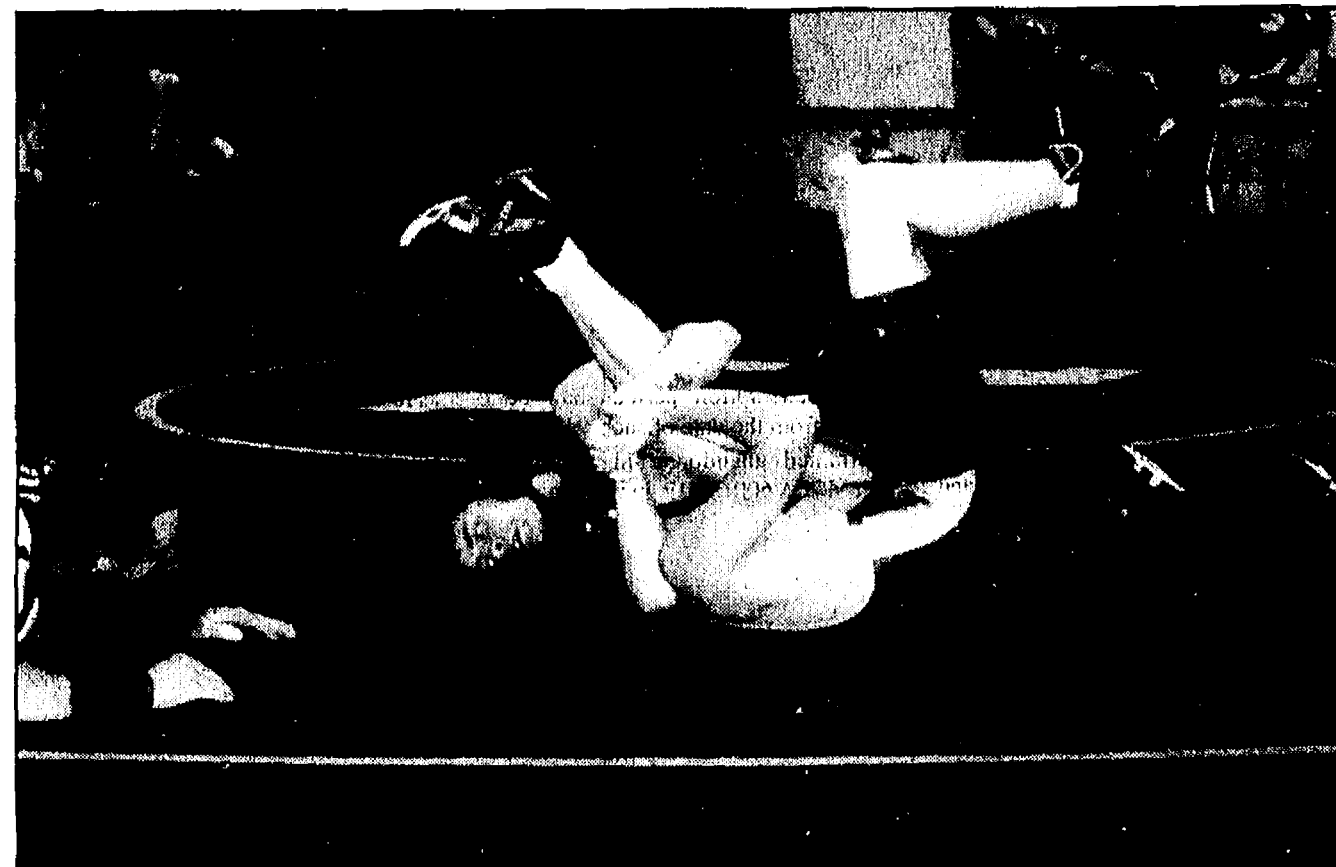
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Wrestling team competes at Mio and Gladwin



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Dan CdeBaca (275) wrestles for the Vikings at the Gladwin Invitational tournament on Saturday.



Nate Paul (125) tries for a pin vs. Mio in Thursday night's meet.

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Alice M. Sheldon, an Unmarried Woman to Hamilton Mortgage Company, an Arizona Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2002, and recorded May 14, 2002 in Liber 581 Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee, by assignment dated May 10, 2002, and recorded February 11, 2003 in Liber 619, Page 438 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Five Dollars and Seven Cents (\$75,305.07) including interest 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 10, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 301 Elm Street, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005
JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee,
Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File# 04-30916

-20-27-3-10

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Detlef H. Rohleder, a married man whose wife's name is Denise Rohleder, for the purpose of releasing dower, original mortgagor(s), to FSB Funding, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2002, and recorded on February 5, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 152, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as

assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nineteen And 16/100 Dollars (\$54,019.16), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 165 feet of the East 660 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in Liber 605, Page 404 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 10, 2005

For more information, please call:

PC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #047278F01

-10-17-24-3

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ernest J. Nielson and Edith E. Nielsen, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated September 7, 2001 and recorded October 5, 2001 in

Liber 555, Page 212, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight and 57/100 Dollars (\$91,298.57) including interest at the rate of 7.13% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 9, 2005

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 27 North, Range 1 West, together with roadway as granted by deed recorded in Liber 25, Page 163, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12

months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: February 3, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage Company, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.1306

-3-10-17-24-3

NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2005

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
February 17, 2005	6:00 p.m.	Grayling City Building 1020 City Blvd., Grayling
March 17, 2005	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City
April 21, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Elmwood Township Hall 10090 E. Lincoln Road, Traverse City
May 19, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
June 16, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
July 21, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Days Inn 2556 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling
August 18, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City
September 15, 2005	6:30 p.m.	Elmwood Township Hall 10090 E. Lincoln Road, Traverse City
October 20, 2005	6:30 p.m.	ROCC, Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
November 17, 2005	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 15, 2005	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City

All Board Meeting are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent Gabriel a/k/a Brent C Gabriel and Tammy Gabriel, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2002, and recorded on June 27, 2002 in Liber 586 on Page 287, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six And 98/100 Dollars (\$86,336.98), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section: thence North 01 Degree 04 Minutes 19 Seconds 657.95 Feet (recorded as 657.87 Feet) along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 53 Seconds West 306.64 Feet (recorded as South 89 Degrees 32 Minutes 46 Seconds West 306.25 Feet) to the point of beginning; thence North 17 Degrees 46 Minutes 00 Seconds West 282.65 Feet; thence North 30 Degrees 11 Minutes 38 Seconds West 446.06 Feet to the South 1/8 of said Section; thence North 89 Degrees 28 Minutes 33 Seconds East 380.57 Feet along said 1/8 line; thence South 00 Degrees 31 Minutes 27 Seconds East 75.00 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 28 Minutes 33 Seconds East 85.37 Feet parallel with said 1/8 line; thence South 16 Degrees 47 Minutes 21 Seconds West 363.21 Feet; thence South 12 Degrees 13 Minutes 47 Seconds West 241.72 Feet to the point of beginning. Together With a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress, and the cutting, trimming, and removal of trees as necessary for the installation and maintenance of public utilities, said easement being described as the Northerly 33 Feet of the above described parcel, and further described according to the Map of Survey of Road and Utility Easements recorded in Liber 180, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

the date of such sale.

Dated: February 10, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC

successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #046896F01

-10-17-24-3

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Margaret Stone, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 494, and rerecorded on March 15, 2001 in Liber 531 on Page 488, and modified by agreement dated April 22, 2003, and recorded on May 20, 2003 in Liber 635 on Page 134, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five And 97/100 Dollars (\$66,865.97), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 99 feet of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 27, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC M 248.593.1306

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For MidFirst Bank, a

Federally Chartered Savings Association

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #019233F03

-27-3-10-17

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Debra A. Legg, a single woman, Mortgagor, of 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 115 Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on August 21, 2001, in Liber 550 at Pages 005 through 019, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, and assigned to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, a Michigan banking corporation, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage which was dated August 20, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford on August 21, 2001 in Liber 550, at pages 020 through 021, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-eight and Forty Hundredths Dollars (\$26,728.40).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in the Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Six and Seventy-five Hundredths percent (6.75%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in Township

of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows: The South 43 feet of the North 215 feet of the East 133 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 31, T25N, R4W.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005

Jonathan E. Lauderback (P51313)

Currie Kendall, PLC

6024 Eastman Avenue

Midland, Michigan 48640

(989) 839-0300

Attorneys for Chemical Bank and

Trust Company, assignee of

Chemical Bank West

-13-20-27-2-9

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Timmony, An Adult Woman and Jason Fik, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2003, and recorded on April 21, 2003 in Liber 629 on Page 315, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four And 08/100 Dollars. (\$49,974.08), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m., on February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: East 1/2 of Lots of 5 and 6, Block 22, of original Plat of the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof Recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance

with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 20, 2005

For more information, please call:

FCF 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.

(989) 839-0300

Attorneys for Independent Bank f/k/a

First National Bank of Gaylord

30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File# 045501F01

-20-27-3-10

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Trojanek and Laura L. Trojanek, husband and wife, to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2002, and recorded on November 8, 2002 in Liber 606 on Page 235, CRAWFORD county records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC., by an assignment dated December 1, 2004, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three And 19/100 Dollars (\$74,733.19), including interest at 7.625% per annum with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building Grayling, MI at 10:00 AM, on February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as: LOT 5, WOODHURST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 05 OF PLATS, PAGE 05, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 20, 2005

ATTORNEY FOR:

Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

For Information please call:

(248) 540-7701

NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN

SERVICES, INC.

Assignee of Mortgagee

-20-27-3-10

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738
FRANK J. DEPA and MARGARET M. DEPA,
husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,

Case No. 04-6357-CH

ROYAL HAIGHT,
Defendant.
ROBERTA ECKERT CHRISPPELL
P46479

Attorney for Plaintiff

3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.

Houghton Lake, MI 48629

(989) 366-8177

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain land contract made on the date of July 27, 1995, by Royal Haight, as Purchaser, to Frank J. Depa and Margaret M. Depa, husband and wife, as Sellers, upon which land contract there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and One Cent (\$5,312.01), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes, and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said land contract and the power of sale being contained in said land contract having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is being given that on the 24th day of February, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said land contract with interest there on at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said land contract. The land and the premises described in said land contract are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, all being in section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the East side for road purposes. Commonly known as: Route 1, Box 1743-E, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes, or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of sale.

The property is occupied as one parcel and must be sold as one parcel.

Roberta Eckert-Chrispell P46479
Attorney for Frank J. Depa and Margaret M. Depa
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

-13-20-27-3-10



NEED RUBBER STAMPS?

Come see us at
The Crawford County Avalanche
102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling
(989) 348-6811

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to take comments on the proposed R-3 (Association) zoning district in the AuSable Woods Subdivision, on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Township Meeting Room at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

Tentative text and zoning maps of the proposal may be examined in the town hall during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

The public is encouraged to attend or submit signed, correspondence concerning the issue.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP SEEKS BIDS FOR LAWN/WINDOW/CARPET CARE

Grayling Township is seeking competitive bids for the following work at the Grayling Township offices at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, over a three-year period beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2008:

1. Lawn care to include leaf removal and grass mowing, May through September. The lawn is to be mowed every 10-days, if needed. This bid must include extra care on an "on-call" basis if needed outside May through September, such as prior to a fall election.
2. Inside and outside window cleaning in May and again in October
3. Commercial cleaning of all carpets (approximately 4,700 sq. ft.) annually during a May or June weekend.

Interested bidders must attend a building walk-through scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the town hall. At that time, detailed information packets and information requests will be given to those interested in bidding. Sealed bids with all requested information will be due back to the township supervisor no later than Friday, April 1, 2005. Questions may be directed to the township supervisor at (989) 348-4361 during normal business hours.

Bids will be opened and the winning bid announced at the April meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the township meeting room at 2090 Viking Way, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright
Grayling Township Supervisor

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 10th 2005 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Bituminous Base Crushing.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commission

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, February 24th 2005 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to Crawford County Road Commission specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following locations on or before July 1, 2005.

40,000 ton @ Kolka Creek Pit: T28N, R4W, N 1/2, of the SE 1/4 of section 15, Frederic Township.

20,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2 of Sec. 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commission

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the ordinance amending section 3 of section 39 and 40 of the Charter of the City of Grayling, pursuant to Public Act 1893, No. 206, at Section 30a, as added by Public Acts 1949, No. 285:

Section 39 and 40 as amended February 6, 1950, at section 3 thereof, to be amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The Board of Review shall meet for the purpose outlined in Section 30 of Public Act 1893, No. 206 as amended by Public Act 2003, No. 194 on the alternate starting dates of the Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Monday in March. The Board of Review shall meet two days for no less than 6 hours per day and shall hold at least 3 hours of its required sessions after 6:00 p.m. The Board of Review shall not start the initial session earlier than 9:00 a.m. not later than 3:00 p.m.

The public hearing will be held on Monday February 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 11, 1982

Donelle Marie Bentley was named Miss Grayling 1982 at the pageant held Saturday evening at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Chelle Warner was named first runner-up and Pamela Gorten won the second runner-up position.

Twelve area ballet students have been selected for the cast of Peter Pan, a ballet selected for the annual recital at Louise's Dance Studio. Stephanie Hindmarsh was selected for the character of Peter Pan, Mika Fijolek will play Wendy, Joell Schans will play Tinker Bell, and Lynette Whitcher will play Michael. Andrea Schans will play John, Jack Clark will play Smee the Pirate, Shawn Lovely will play Tiger Lily, Ryan Hindmarsh will play the crocodile, Jennie Alef will play Nana, Kathy Golnick will play mother, Robin Sellers will play father, and Amy Denton will be the lead fairy.

The Cub Scouts held their Cake Bake Auction January 13. Grand prize winner was Ray Hill; 1st and 2nd, and 3rd from Webelos were Todd VanDeVen, Jason Clark and Grady Stoll; winners from Den 1 were Aaron Raymond, Casey Goeckerman and Jeff Cowie; Den 2 winners were James Mattson, Todd Neely and Joe LaForest; Den 3 winners were Chris Thompson, Joel Mack and Ricky McKinney.

In Lovell's News - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris had the card party on Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Olive Kellogg, Leona

Nichols, Eleanor Braun, Bill Koernke, Bill Braun and Andy Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Braun will host the party this week.

The sixth grade camp is headed for cancellation this year due to lack of funds and staff. In 1976, 158 out of 160 sixth graders attended the first five-day camp in Clare. Every year since then, however, interest in the nature and science camp has declined, Dale Nicholas, Middle School Principal, told the Crawford AuSable School Board last Monday.

Grayling won its first Michigan Huron Shores conference wrestling championship last Saturday compiling 188 1/2 team points to 137 1/2 for Petoskey and 129 for Roger City. Petoskey won the championship the last three years and Roger City wore the crown for four years before that.

46 Years Ago
February 12, 1959

Miss Kay Warner, Miss Grayling 1959, will act as the official hostess to the many visiting Winter Sports Queens during the 34th Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival this weekend.

The Frederic Community School is considering fielding a six man football team next fall to compete with other schools in the north who play the abbreviated grid game.

The first Non-Partisan Primary Election for Circuit Judge in over two decades will take place in the

34th Judicial Circuit next Monday, February 16th. Crawford County along with Otsego, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Gladwin and Arenac counties make up the circuit. Those seeking nomination are Edwin S. Bartlett, a West Branch attorney; Roy G. Lord, a Gaylord attorney; Dennis J. O'Keefe, Prosecuting Attorney of Arenac County from Standish; and James V. Rutledge, Judge of Probate of Roscommon County.

69 Years Ago
February 13, 1936

The people of Grayling are again favored with a presentation by the Robinson Dance Studios of Traverse City when "The Jazz Regiment" a sensational musical Kiddie Revue, will take place Friday Night, February 14th, at the school auditorium. Last spring the talent was brought here from Traverse City. Now it is different; our own kiddies will put on the program. The local children having a part in the program are as follows: Mary Jane Joseph, Billyann Clippert, Betty Sparkes, Jean Wright, Beatrice Peterson, Virginia Peterson, Laura Johnson, Ruth Burrows, Patricia Roberts, Eleanor Bugby, Shirley Young, Patricia Montour, Emily Giegling, Sue Giegling, Buron Peterson, Jane Ann Martin, Donna Kinnee, Barbara Borchers, Guinivere Trudeau, Monica Hewitt, Jane Milnes, Nell Welsh, Bob Welsh, and Roberts Redhead.

There was no school in Frederic on Thursday and Friday of last week due to the fact that there was so much snow the school bus was unable to make its

trip. School was resumed on Monday however, although the bus was unable to travel some of the cross roads of its trip. Classes were all small and we hope all can be in attendance soon. We also hope no more severe blizzards sweep through this county for a while.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Grayling Box Company it was voted to change the name of the ownership to Grayling Lumber and Supply Company. T.P. Peterson continues as general manager and secretary-treasurer; Esbern Hanson, president; O.W. Hanson, vice-president.

92 Years Ago
February 13, 1913

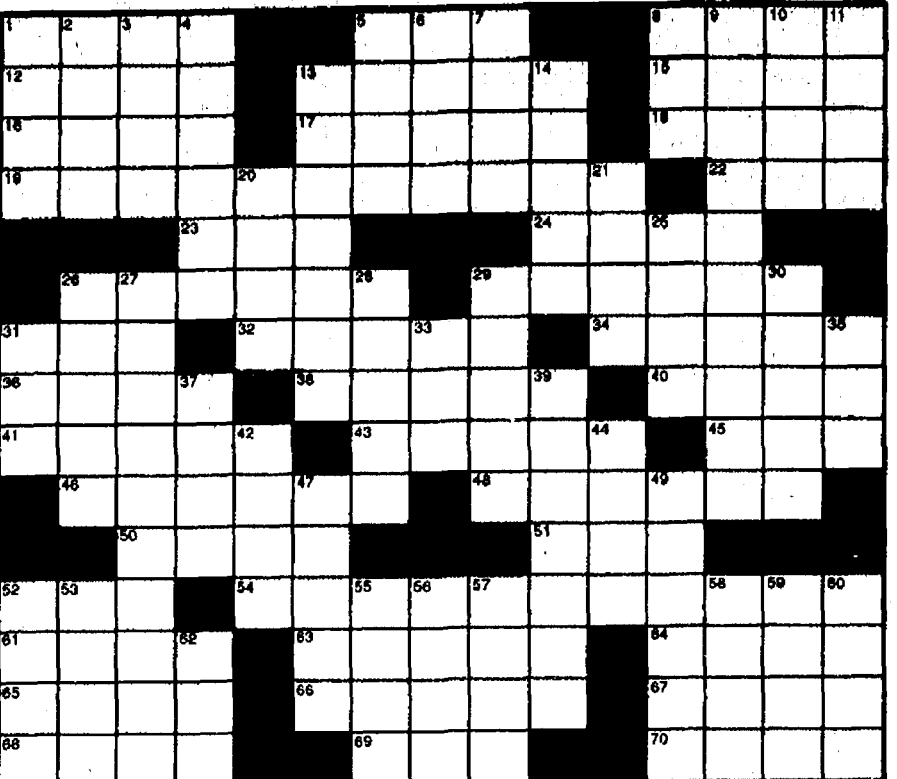
Dan Stephan captured two otters one day last week and sold their fur for \$40.

M. Simpson has had electric lights installed in his grocery store, which is a great improvement to the place.

The coldest night on record this season, at this place, was reported last Monday morning, when the government thermometer recorded 19 degrees below zero. Previous to that time the coldest record was 6 below zero.

Word was received here that the trustees of the famous (David) Ward estate, carrying with it the famous timber holdings in Michigan and California, have decided to close up the estate and sell the timber. This has been decided on as the quickest way in which the heirs can agree as to the division of the estate.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
- Heavy-sleeved outer garment.
 - Spade, character created by Dashiell Hammett.
 - Flexible tube for conveying liquids.
 - Opposed to something.
 - Brightly colored flower part.
 - Characters in Warhammer 40,000 game.
 - Woman's shoe with a heel and no fastenings.
 - AKA verdigris.
 - Small, ornamental case for holding needles.
 - Changing into vapor.
 - Covering for the head.
 - Airport code for Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom-Turnhouse.
 - T. Shimano Roshi, abbot of the Zen Studies Society.
 - Upper part of a town.
 - Burst in.
 - Name of a Hawaiian band.
 - Cambodian money.
 - Arrange the troops in ranks.
 - Acronym for Inside Science News Service.
 - Silly person.
 - Amount by which one exceeds or falls short of another.
 - Light-sensitive membrane lining the inner eyeball.
 - People, places or things.
 - Acronym for India Office Library.
 - Sea horse.
 - Standards governing a person's conduct.
 - Records of a vehicle's performance.
 - Move quickly.
 - 17th letter in the Greek alphabet.
 - Trousers that flare at the bottom.
 - Grunting noise of a pig.
 - Map again.
 - Corland, played by Jill Larson.
 - Answer of the accused to a criminal charge.
 - Taylor, current CD is Shotgun.
 - Warm tubular covering for the hands.
 - Freedom from discomfort.
 - Tillis, country singer.
 - Abbreviation for Business Administration in college catalogs.
- Down**
- Head of land projecting into a body of water.
 - Acronym for UN Office of Verification.
 - Type of yoga, _ gnona.
 - Wayne _ Palmer Woodward on Melrose Place.
 - Plural of "serum."
 - _ Equatorial Guinea.
 - Plural of magus.
 - Instrument for loosening the earth.
 - Of the surgical treatment of skeletal system disorders.
 - Predatory gull-like sea bird.
 - Acronym for Electrical System Integrated Test.
 - Peruke.
 - One who avoids people.
 - Strong, pervasive quality.
 - Jeer at.
 - Silver dollar of Spain.
 - Undo the sewing of.
 - Wide breeches worn during the reign of Charles II.
 - Extremely bright colors.
 - Single copy of a periodical.
 - Acronym for Time-Shared Disk Operating System.
 - Empty space.
 - Old card game in which forfeits are paid into a pool.
 - Acronym for Standard Service Link.
 - Tall, cylindrical structure in which fodder is stored.
 - Measure of the loss of information in a transmitted message.
 - Acronym for Alpha Red Green Blue (color model).
 - Block entrance to.
 - People that use.
 - Place in a tomb.
 - Heavy cord of tightly intertwined fiber.
 - Plural of "hilum."
 - Spring upward as if from the ground.
 - Acronym for Latvian Maritime Law Association.
 - Aromatic salve.
 - Musical work that has been created.
 - Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
 - Acronym for St. Louis Fire Department.
 - Bird allied to the crows but smaller.

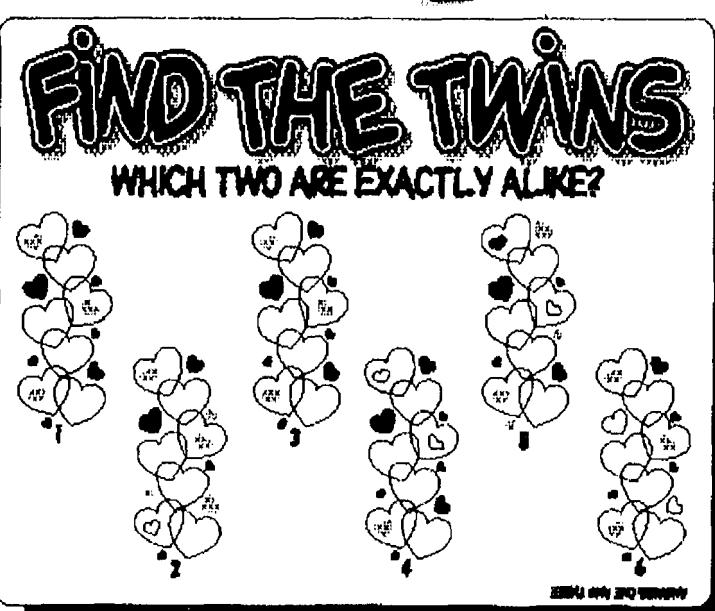


EASY BRAISED CHICKEN WITH SWEET ONION GRAVY

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| 1 | (3 1/2-pound) chicken, cut into 10 pieces | 1 | cup dry white wine, or cup red wine vinegar |
| 2 | tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil | 1/4 | cup red wine vinegar |
| 2 | cups caramelized onions (with any flavoring), | 1 1/2 | cups chicken broth (or cups; if using vinegar instead of wine) |
| | | 2 | |

Heat oven to 350°. Sprinkle chicken parts with salt and pepper. Heat oil in heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken in two batches, and cook until brown on all sides, about 12 minutes per batch. Spread caramelized onions in the bottom of a 4-quart shallow baking dish. Nestle the chicken pieces in the onions.

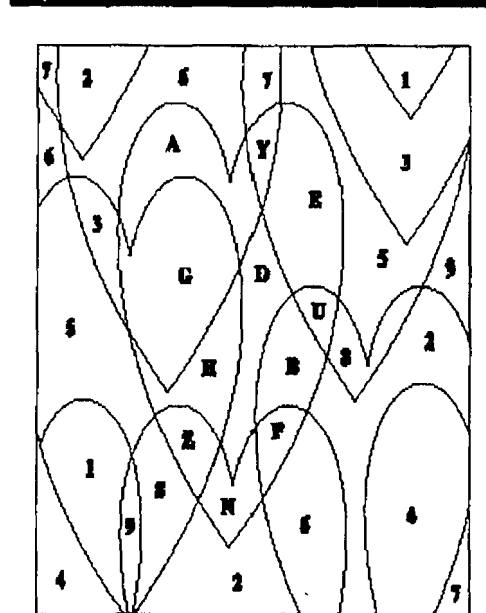
Pour excess oil from the skillet. Add wine (or vinegar) and boil until reduced by half. Add broth and return to boil. Pour the broth mixture over the chicken and place the dish in the oven. Bake until chicken is tender and cooked through, about 35 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



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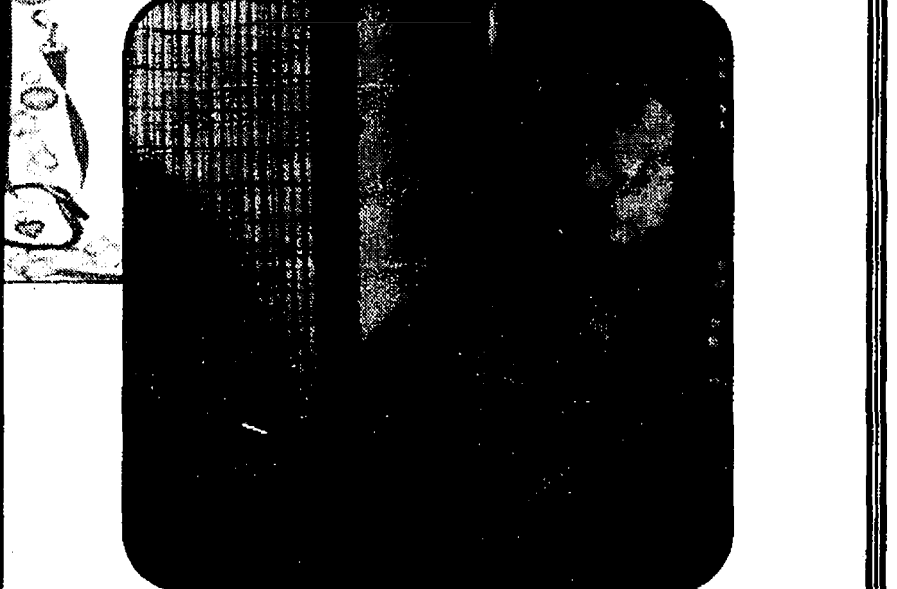
Every person has a unique tongue print

HIDDEN PICTURE



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ADOPT A PET



We can't figure out why Heather has not found a home yet. She is a great dog!! Stop by the Animal Shelter and see her. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

2005 Pet and Dog Calendars (\$5) are on sale at the Avalanche. Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter. Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 10, 2005

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| <p>CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19</p> <p>Reflections of the past pop up everywhere, reminding you that you have lost touch with an old friend. Give them a call. A note tickles you.</p> | <p>ARIES
March 21-April 19</p> <p>Life at home gets complicated, Aries. Time to get back to the basics. Clear away the clutter and pare down your schedule.</p> | <p>CANCER
June 22-July 22</p> <p>Uh-oh, Cancer. A relative is moving with the wrong crowd. You could confront them, but that will only make it worse. Back off and let them learn the hard way.</p> | <p>LIBRA
September 23-October 22</p> <p>Life simmers down, Libra. Savor the moment—chaos looms ahead. A home repair turns out beautifully, making you the envy of the neighborhood.</p> |
| <p>AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18</p> <p>Your strength is tested as a relative reveals a health crisis. Don't fall apart. Stand firm and do what you can to help them recover.</p> | <p>TAURUS
April 20-May 20</p> <p>A friend confides in you. Keep what they tell you under wraps or risk losing their friendship. A situation at home reaches a climax.</p> | <p>LEO
July 23-August 22</p> <p>Business affairs wreak havoc on your personal life. Make it up to your special someone by taking them out to dinner and a movie.</p> | <p>SCORPIO
October 23-November 21</p> <p>You go above and beyond the call of duty at work and receive kudos for your efforts. Someone new comes into your life. Welcome them with open arms.</p> |
| <p>PISCES
February 19-March 20</p> <p>A client drops by unannounced. You're well prepared and answer their questions with ease. A financial proposal deserves a second look.</p> | <p>GEMINI
May 21-June 21</p> <p>Financial constraints force you to pull back on a home improvement project. A creative solution is in order. Put on your thinking cap and start fleshing out ideas.</p> | <p>VIRGO
August 23-September 22</p> <p>An acquaintance lashes out at you in a heated moment. Don't take it personally. They're mad at the situation, not you. An issue at work is resolved.</p> | <p>SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21</p> <p>Be careful what you overhear. Snippets of conversation could lead you to the conclusion. A cosmic mishap breaks the tension at home.</p> |

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
2/2	32	26	9						
2/3	35	24	9						
2/4	38	26	9	High 28	High 32	High 32	High 34	High 32	High 30
2/5	48	22	8	Low 15	Low 19	Low 23	Low 25	Low 18	Low 14
2/6	52	29	6						
2/7	44	36	4						
2/8	39	23	4						
				Snow Showers/Wind	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Snow Shower	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

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1. Real Estate

SEE A BIG PART of the world from the top of this 10 acre parcel. Home and a large new pole barn just \$118,000. Call Bill Borchers at Century 21 River Country 348-5474. (-10/1)

1. Real Estate

NORTH PARK SUBDIVISION is home to this 1600 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement and fireplace. \$150,000.00. Call Casey Thompson at Century 21 River Country! 989-348-5474. (-10/1)

1. Real Estate

NEWER RANCH HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, close to town, \$119,900, must sell. Make offer 989-348-1482 (-13-20-27-3-10-17-24-3/1)

ROSCOMMON LAND CONTRACT, 1,400 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. \$65,000, \$10,000 down, \$482.66 payments. 517-543-3057 (-13-20-27-3-10/1)

GRAYLING 2.5 ACRES wooded near AuSable mainstream and state land. \$13,900 by owner. 348-7355 (-1/13/05/1/1)

1. Real Estate

BEST BUY OF THE WEEK- This cute comfortable home sits in a quiet neighborhood, has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage and is tastefully decorated and well cared for. Jump on the bicycle/walking trail right out your backyard. Asking only **\$67,500 #235035**. Also a 2 acre parcel adjacent to state land with a 1 bedroom, 1 bath home on S. Grayling Rd. **\$59,000 #235547**



Call Diann Murphy at
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989-348-6481



Charming well maintained home on 2.5 acres in country setting with many recent updates. 1,152 s.f. 3 B/R, 2 baths, and a 30' x 40' insulated and heated detached garage. Road maintenance is included in the tax bill. Situated close to AuSable River, it adjoins thousands of acres of the Huron National Forest property. \$97,500 #236061
Ask For Duane or Kelly



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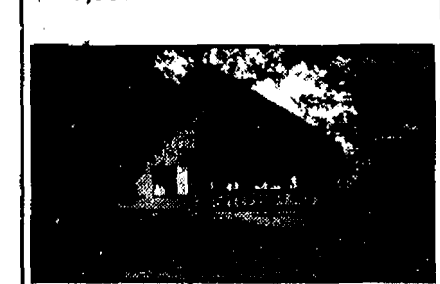


800-300-6653 or 989-348-6481

2003 S. I-75 Business Loop • Grayling, MI 49738

1. Real Estate

Stunning panoramic views of Lake Margrethe. Beautiful setting on the lake offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,720 square foot home with storage galore! Sandy bottom frontage with stone seawall, wrap around decking and awesome sunsets! #5336 \$319,500



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River Country Real Estate • 5688 West M-72 & 2075 S. Business Loop
(989) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710 (1/6/05TF/1)

NEWLY BUILT 960 sq. ft. home with garage. \$85,000.00. 989-348-4840 (-20-27-3-10/1)

NEAR THE LAKE, near Hanson Hills, and nearby yours! Visit this very nice home with 3 bedrooms (could be 5) and 2 baths. Offered at \$127,500.00. Call Connie Winans at Century 21 River Country: (989)348-5474. (-10/1)

LIVE FREE! Purchase this 5 bedroom home and live on ground floor. Rent out each of the four bedrooms on upper floor which will more than make your payments. Land contract available. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell today and ask for Fred for details. 348-6481 (-10-17/1)

1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

THANK SCOTT FOR BARGAINS! We all love bargains but real bargains in homes are scarce as hen's teeth! This clean as a whistle 4 bedroom home features 2 full baths and a private setting in AuSable Woods! An absolute steal at \$92,000. Ask for Scott Hanson at Century 21 River Country 348-5474. (-10/1)

FOR SALE- COMMERCIAL with two residence. M-72 west of Grayling. 480' frontage, 5 acres+, 348-4981. (-3-10-17/1)

NEW HOME, 2 1/2 acres, near river on Burton's Landing Rd. 989-348-4840. (-20-27-3-10/1)

FOR SALE- Large 10 acres. Barn-like building. King Road, Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-773-2514. (-10-17-24/1)

1. Real Estate

GRAYLING
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1. Real Estate

BEAUTIFUL 4 BEDROOM HOME in Sherwood Forest. Immaculate home will full finished basement, 2 fireplaces and 2 car garage. Quiet setting on one acre parcel in desirable neighborhood. \$189,900 Call Sheryl Herblat at Century 21 River Country 989-348-5474. (-10/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/1/1)

NICE MOBILE FOR INVESTMENT income. Well cared for mobile home offers 3 bedrooms, front and rear decks. Perfect starter home or investment property. \$37,500 Listing #: 236702. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT
Grayling Housing
Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income

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1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities

308 Lawndale Drive
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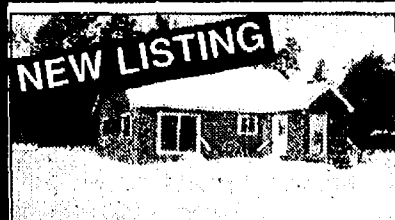
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RIVER COUNTRY

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Nice three bedroom 1 bath ranch style home fully finished basement, fireplace separate 2 car garage. Located 7 miles from Grayling in a quiet subdivision with deeded access to the Manistee River country maintained road close to snowmobile trails and state land. #5439 \$71,000



Secluded Chalet on 10 acres, adjoining state land. Built in 2002. Chalet offers 2 bedrooms, open floor plan w/cathedral ceiling and loft area. Has a 30x48 garage. #5441 \$140,000



There is a great up-north feel to this 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with deeded access to Lake Elizabeth. Features interior wooden accents, a wood burning fireplace, 2 car garage for your toys, all on 10 acres. #5442 \$160,000



Quiet setting only a minute from town. Enjoy this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch in Grayling's North Park Subdivision. Home features gas fireplace, 2 car garage, sprinkler system and full basement. Great opportunity in desirable neighborhood. #5440 \$150,000



Enjoy the view from just about any room in this 3 bedroom, log sided home. Home features loft area, full walkout basement with 9' ceilings, 3 full baths, 2 possible bedrooms in basement. Perfect location for primary residence or recreational retreat. #5443 \$200,000



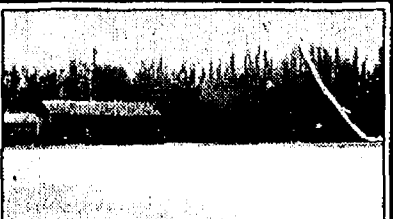
Clean, spacious home in the city featuring full basement, large double lot, large garage, carport. This home features tons of storage and shelving. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal, washer, dryer, and new air conditioner. #5350 \$94,000



Beautiful, like new home with 3+ bedrooms & 3 bathrooms. Completely finished basement, double lot, 1200 sq ft attached garage, upstairs can be finished to fit your needs. This home is an absolute steal at \$139,900. #5407



Very attractive and well maintained three bedroom home with 1 1/2 baths. Sits on five wooded acres on county maintained paved road with easy access to I-75. Large garage with extra room for storage or a workshop. Wood burning stove to supplement clean and dust free electric baseboard heating system. #5317 \$100,000



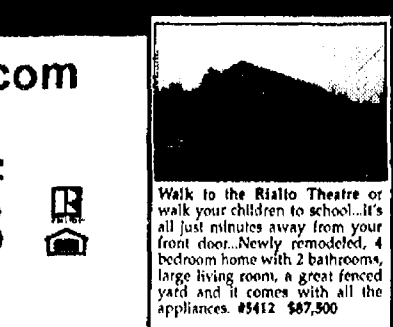
4,720 SF Building 200' on West M-72
1.78 Acres - AuSable River
Formerly Cartwright & Danewell



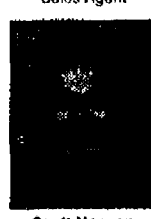
Log River home with 200' Main Stream Frontage close to town. 2BR, 3 full baths, walkout basement. Many updates include new stained exterior & deck, natural gas HVTB hot, knotty pine family room, new bath, and so much more. #5356 \$240,000



Walk to the Bialto Theatre or walk your children to school...it's all just minutes away from your front door. Newly remodeled, 4 bedroom home with 2 bathrooms, large living room, a great fenced yard and it comes with all the appliances. #5412 \$87,500



LAKE MARGRETHE HARBOR BEACH WITH DEED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY BEACH. Well built 3 story chalet offers 2 separate levels that have kitchens, bath, living room and bedrooms. Perfect for entertaining. Banned ceilings with pickled white wash. Ceramic tile in baths, black top circle driveway. All appliances. Extensive cedar decking. Mature red and white pines on the property. Property adjoins Buckhorn park. Private boat slip #7 with dock. Picnics are with volleyball court and basketball. Private road. CS-2047 \$183,000



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165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSSABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 50' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$120,000



YOUNG COUPLES, RETIRED COUPLES! Here's the home to fit your needs and wallet. New carpet, new paint, some new windows. Built over roof in 1986, 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath mobile offers 833 Square feet. Open living room, kitchen and dining area. Cement driveway. Attached garage, large back yard has nice trees for shade and relaxation. Close to town. CS-1914 \$34,900



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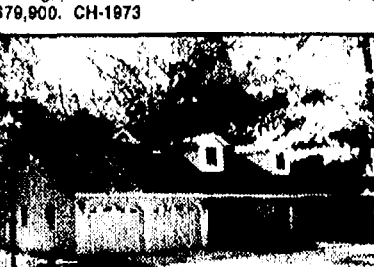
267' FRONTAGE ON AUSSABLE RIVER MAIN-STREAM Rustic yet elegant 2,286 s.f. log home has private high bluff views, a stone stairway, elec. privacy gate, swimming pool w/extensive wrap-around decking, sun decks, sprinkler system and blacktop drive. This 3BR plus study, 2BA home features a river room w/stone floors, skylights, split stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings, a spiral staircase, Jacuzzi tub, central A/C, and custom lighting throughout. CH-2064 \$299,500



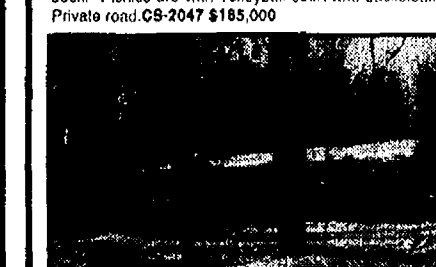
175' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSSABLE RIVER 2,106 s.f. brick home w/full walk-out basement, 800 s.f. wrap-around deck, custom cedar sauna, brick fireplace w/gas logs, sliding door-walk out to patio and riverside Jacuzzi hot tub. Fully landscaped and all appliances. \$267,500 CH-1938



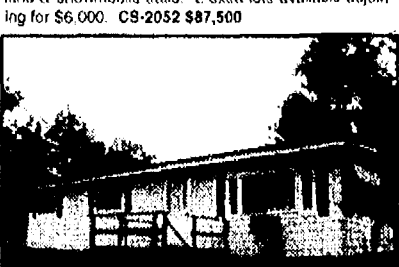
FIVE ACRES WITH EASY ACCESS TO AUSSABLE RIVER Spacious 3BR, 2BA Commodore Classic mobile home offering: Roof over, steel doors, vinyl replacement windows, appliances, blinds w/valances, newer oak cabinets, insulated slab, limestone private gravel circle drive, concrete apron, sidewalks, fenced garden, heated garage/barn, woodshed, storage building, split rail fencing, planted Oak & Aspen trees, & landscaping \$79,900. CH-1981 \$189,900



1-ACRE PRIVATE SETTING/EXQUISITE CAPE COD This 1,858 sq. ft., 4BR, 2BA freshly painted Cape Cod features a full finished, 1,160 sq. ft. basement, 2 brick fireplaces, cablephone in all rooms, a bay window, new carpet, walnut cabinets, large pantry & breakfast bar. This one-acre lot offers a naturally landscaped private setting which includes a large deck, landscaped patio, sprinkler system, newer roof/garage doors, and a dog kennel. CH-1981 \$189,900



WOODY AMBIENCE AND A BREEZY LOCATION! Make nature your neighbor in the ranch style 1400 square foot home. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor plan with vaulted ceilings and built in entertainment center in the living area. Comes complete with all new appliances. Kitchen offers lots of counter space and cabinets. Master bath offers a garden tub and skylight. Low maintenance home in quite neighborhood at a affordable price. Extra lot adjoining available for \$3,500 CS-2053 \$73,500



6 ACRES-RATTLENAKE CREEK FLOWING THROUGH 5 acres across from state land! Perfect recreational site. Frontage on both sides of Rattlesnake Creek (tributary to Manistee River). Only 37' to Manistee River over state land. Trails right out your front door! This 3 BR cabin offers newer stool roofs, vinyl replacement windows, A/C, 2 garages, appliances & immediate occupancy CH-2028 \$71,900

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NICE MOBILE IN GRAYLING Mobile Estates. Well cared for mobile home offers 3 bedrooms and a large garage. Perfect starter home or investment property. Front and rear decks. Seller is a licensed real estate agent. \$43,500 Listing #: 236704. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

STUNNING LOG HOME on the AuSable. Beautiful white cedar log home with 115' of frontage along the "Flies Only" section of the AuSable River. 2 bedroom home offers 2.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator. Basement is plumbed for bath and jacuzzi. Very private setting. \$349,900 Listing #: 233835. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

LOW INCOME? Do you want to buy a home? If you have good credit or no credit and low income, you may qualify for a government funded home loan with payments adjusted to your income. Call Connie at 989-390-2888 or 989-348-6579. *(For example: yearly income for a family of 4 \$39,100 or less.) (-LR2/10/05/1)

CHARMING FULL LOG HOME. Full log year-round or weekend getaway, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, knotty pine interior, wood stove with stone backdrop and log mantle. Three-season sunroom with hot tub, front and back decks, pole barn with heated workshop and loft for storage. Many more amenities, and close to the "Holy Waters" of the AuSable River. A part of AuSable Country Acres Association. \$179,900 Listing #: 236608. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

CUTE LITTLE HOME with knotty pine interior. This home offers 1.2 acres, 2 bedrooms, newer carpet, appliances and home warranty. Well maintained with knotty pine interior for an up North setting. \$62,500. Listing #: 231657. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

2. For Rent

Building Rental
Retail or office space downtown approximately 1,800 sq. ft. Available January 2005. For more information call Linda at 989-348-6811

1. Real Estate

WELL KEPT HOME on 30 acres. A very nice 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on 30 acres of rolling hardwoods, mostly maple. Home is very clean and well kept with lots of storage for all the toys. Located in the heart of snowmobile country, only 30 minutes from Traverse City. \$270,000, owner says "make an offer!!!" Listing #: 233293 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 348-6481. (-10/1)

CHARMING BI-LEVEL with many extras. Charming 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that has been freshly painted. Full furnished basement with sauna and pool table, 28' X 28' attached garage just drywalled, 24' X 56' detached "stick built" garage and fenced-in back yard. All on 4 acres and just 3 miles from Grayling. \$159,500. Listing # 234111. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

GORGEOUS CUSTOM-BUILT HOME. Spectacular custom-built home on 2.25 acres. 1,400 sq.ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, custom kitchen, hardwood flooring, ceramic tile, knotty pine ceiling in great room. Master bedroom suite with doorwall onto large deck. 2-car attached and finished garage, concrete approach and sidewalk, gravel drive. A must see! \$149,900 Listing #: 236297 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty 348-6481. (-10/1)

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1,800 sq. ft. \$750.00/month, \$750.00 security- immediate occupancy. North Down River Rd., Grayling. 734-287-7768. (-10-17-24-3/2)

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ROOM FOR RENT, 1-2 people. All utilities paid. Cable, phone, private bath. \$250/mo. \$50 deposit. 348-7433. (-10/2)

2. For Rent

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1. Real Estate

SMALL HOUSE, 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, near Lake Margrethe, no pets, water included. \$425 per month. 989-348-6801(02/03/05tf/2)

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LAKE HOME FOR RENT Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large 2 car garage, plenty of room to store your toys, large lot and friendly neighbors. Kitchen appliances included. Close to snowmobile trails and Hanson Hills. \$800 per month plus security. No pets. Call 586-228-2874. (-20-27-3-10-17-24/2)

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GREAT HOUSE IN GRAYLING. Furnished 2 bedroom, cozy lake view, full basement, washer and dryer, newly remodeled, lake access; \$600 per month. Shown by appointment. Call 248-891-5329 or 348-3995. (-10-17/2)

3 BEDROOM HOME for rent. \$630.00 a month, \$300.00 deposit. Call Pam at 989-614-0562. (-3-10/2)

3. Employment

HOMECARE POSITION OPEN
One Full-time Registered Nurse Position
Open for Grayling Service Area
Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited school and have a current Michigan license. Requirements: Minimum 1 year of professional nursing experience, ability to assess and act upon client needs without direct supervision, and willingness to travel in our geographic region. Automated documentation system, experience with this a plus. Incredible benefits, competitive pay, some on-call responsibility. For immediate consideration, please fax resume to:
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1. Real Estate



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GRAYLING PINES APARTMENTS in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Grayling Pines is a family community. Rent is based on income. Barrier-free waiting list available. Please call 989-344-0020 for more information or an application. Equal housing opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777 (-10-17-24/2)

HOUSE & CABINS at Lost Acres. Large 3-4 bedroom log home w/new flooring and paint. Garage not included. \$595 plus \$600 security and all utilities. One bedroom cabins for rent \$375, including all utilities plus \$200 security. 30 wooded acres. 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, 3 miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-277-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (-11/4/04tf/2)

BEDROOM FOR RENT. Enjoy peace and quiet in this AuSable River home surrounded by woods and wildlife. One mile from Grayling. \$325 a month. All utilities are free. Including phone, electricity, cable TV, and more. 348-2083 (-3-10/2)

IN TOWN, 3 BEDROOM, one bath, basement, fenced yard, \$550 per month, no utilities, \$300 security deposit. 989-732-3473 anytime. (-10/2)

3. Employment

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$400 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03tf/2)

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RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS. 306 Knight Street in Grayling, one bedroom units available. Persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent based on income. No minimum rent. Mention this ad and receive your first month rent free. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-27-3-10-17/2)

3. Employment

Special Education Teachers:
Shawono Center is now recruiting State certified applicants for a full-time Special Education Teacher position. For more information and application, please call 989-344-5010 prior to February 15, 2005

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Assistant Director of Philanthropy
The Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for a part time (3days/24 hours per week) Assistant Director of Philanthropy. The Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation raises and manages funds to benefit Masonic Pathways, a fully licensed Continuing Care Retirement Community with over 400 residents in Alma, Michigan. Responsibilities include working with Masonic Pathways and Grand Lodge of Michigan leaders and volunteers on all aspects of comprehensive development program, i.e. capital campaigns, direct mail, special events, grants, planned and major gifts. Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree, 5 years experience and a proven track record of success in capital campaigns, major gifts/planned giving programs and in closing such gifts, a high level of professional maturity, judgement, and decisiveness combined with the ability to motivate staff and volunteers and inspire confidence among donor prospects. The ideal candidate for this part time position is a development professional with 5-10 years experience in fundraising, preferably within a healthcare environment. Because this position requires field work, it will not be necessary to relocate to Alma. The deadline for resumes is Monday, February 28, 2005. Please mail resume and cover letter to:
Masonic Pathways
Human Resources Department
1200 Wright Avenue
Alma, MI 48801

RETAIL MANAGER

Long term, local retailer of gasoline and groceries located in Northern Michigan. Must provide strong leadership, motivation, good hiring, recruiting and retaining skills and management of store profitability. Store location: Forward Shell, 1025 West Main, Gaylord. Benefits include bonus program, annual, monthly and holiday paid time off, 401k, and health and dental insurance. Send or fax resumes to:
Attn: Human Resource Department
219 North Front Street
Standish, MI 48658
Fax: 989-846-4412
E-mail: humanresources@forwardcorp.com

DIRECTOR

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) is seeking a Director that will promote economic growth and job retention within Crawford County. A Bachelor's Degree in public or business administration, organization development, economic development or related area is required; a Master's Degree is preferred. Furthermore, the applicant should possess two or more years of professional experience in the field of economic development, community planning, public administration, business retention, new business development or related field. The individual must be energetic, enthusiastic and enjoy challenges while possessing strong oral and written communication skills. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package based on qualifications and experience. Interested candidates must send a resume that will include a minimum of five professional references to:

Economic Development Director
Selection Committee
P.O. Box 141
Grayling, MI 49738
Fax (989) 348-5743
econgrowth@i2k.com

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ADJOINS PRIVATE PARK Two lots in Manistee River Woods. Private Park with 600+/- Frontage on Manistee River. Back and side yard adjoins private park. 16x18 family room w/gas fireplace. Sliding door well onto private rear deck. 1.858 s.f., 3 BR, 2 bath. Extensive rear decking, landscaped yard, stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, water softener included. Washer & Dryer negotiable. New roof 2002, new furnace 2003. TS-1935 \$136,000



6 INCH WALLS, EXTRA INSULATION. Oak cabinets. Close to town. This newer home is in excellent condition and has a lot of potential. Located on a large lot on a paved street. Very energy efficient. Good neighborhood. Great value for the price. \$77,900 TS-1891



NICE COMFORTABLE HOME ON 2 LOTS IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING This would make an excellent starter home. Close to schools and hospital. Lots of storage space for all of your tools and accessories including a 15x27 garage/shed and an attic. Home is in very good, ready-to-move-in condition. A must see to appreciate! TS-2059 \$76,000

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WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Whispering Pines is an elderly community. Residents must be 62 plus years of age (or handicapped or disabled of any age). Rent is based on income. Barrier-free waiting list available. Please call 989-344-0020 for more information or an application. Equal housing opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-10-17-24/2)

EXPERIENCED, DEPENDABLE RN'S and LPN's for home care case. Day and night 12 hour shifts. Vent experience preferred. Also need nurses aids for 6 hour shifts. Call 3C Home Care 989-387-0267 or 989-473-3183. (-10/3)

REHAB OPERATIONS MANAGERS. Looking to develop into an exciting and challenging role in the rehab industry? Progressive Contract Therapy Company searching for Operations Managers for Northern Michigan. Therapist Managers (PT, OTR of SLP) with long term care and PPS experience a must. Managers will oversee facilities and staff within territory. Concept Rehab, Inc. is a privately held therapist owned and operated corporation! Competitive compensation, company vehicle, excellent benefits package and relocation reimbursement. Please contact Kristie Roberts, Concepts Rehab, Inc. at 1-800-297-1194, ext. 120 or send resume via fax: 419-843-4158 or e-mail kristie@conceptrehab.com. (-3-10/3)

NORTHERN LAKES Community Mental Health is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in a group home in Grayling. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratios of 4:3 or less. "Previous experience with behavioral health care services is a plus." Starting wage is \$7.11/hour, increase to \$8.80/hour after paid training. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/equivalent, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. To apply, call Beth at (989) 348-2461 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EOE (-3-10/3)

SKYLINE SKI & Country Club is taking applications for ski lift attendants. Also maintenance workers. Must have mechanical and electrical experience. Applications are available on Friday after 3:00 and Saturday and Sunday. (-10/3)

4. Services Offered

Gift Certificates for Valentine's Day



Therapeutic Massage for Women & Children

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9. Personals

To My Valentines:
(Zac, Rachel, Isaac, Bubba), loving and sweet. You make my life such a treat. I am the luckiest mom alive, to have you 4 by my side
Love Always
Mom

LOCAL TITLE COMPANY is seeking energetic, highly motivated people for all positions in a fast paced professional environment. Knowledge of title insurance and the mortgage process a plus. Candidates must possess excellent customer service skills, and the ability to adapt to change. Please submit resume to P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. ATTN: LSR (-3-10-17/3)

TEACHING POSITION. Lewiston Community Cooperative Nursery School is currently accepting resumes. Applicants must have a minimum 60 college semester credit hours with a minimum 12 credit hours of early childhood education. Position to begin fall 2005, two and 1/2 days per week. Please submit resumes by March 2, 2005 to: LCCN Teacher Search, P.O. Box 492, Lewiston, MI 49756. Questions, please call Cyndie at 989-786-4288. (-10-17/3)

WAREHOUSE PERSON (PART-TIME)- Grayling business seeking part-time warehouse person; 20 hour/week; Monday to Friday; hours: t.b.d. Medium to light duties. Pay range \$7.50 + depending on qualifications. Must be dependable. Might lead to full-time. Send application to P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 Attn: AUR. (-3-10/3)

THE MEDICINE SHOPPE PHARMACY in Grayling is looking for a full time Pharmacy Technician. Great attitude and love of the public are required. Retail pharmacy experience is preferred, but not required. Please submit resume and pick-up application in person at The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, 500 N. James Street, Grayling 989-348-2000. (-3-10/3)

100 WORKERS NEEDED Assemble crafts, wood items. Materials provided. To \$480+ week. Free information package 24 hour. 801-428-4641. (-3-10-17-24/3)

EXPERIENCED RV TECHNICIAN: Position requires knowledge of RV construction, electrical systems, plumbing, gas and related components. Basic computer skills desired. High School Diploma or GED required. Excellent growth opportunity for the right individual. Send, fax or email resume to Waters RV and Storage Center, P.O. Box 158, Waters, MI 49797, fax 989-731-5337 or email cd@watersrv.com. (-3-10/3)

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7. Miscellaneous

Crossword Answers

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EDI	EIDO	
UPTOWN	IRRUPT	
ANARIELS	DRESS	
ISNS	GOOSE	ODDS
RETIA	NOUNS	TOL
WALRUS	ETHICS	
LOGS	RUN	
RHO	BELL	BOTTOMS
OINK	REMAP	OPAL
PLEA	SALLY	MUFF
EASE	PAM	BSAD

9. Personals

CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE: A growing RV Sales, Service and Storage organization is seeking an outgoing, self-motivated experienced individual for full time customer service work. Strong communication skills and basic computer knowledge are required. If you enjoy meeting people, send, fax or email resume to Waters RV and Storage Center, P.O. Box 158, Waters, MI 49797, fax 989-731-5337 or email cd@watersrv.com. (-3-10/3)

IF YOU NEED HELP cleaning your home or office, give Betty a call: 348-9248. (-10-17-24/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING Northern Driving School is offering Segment I and II classes. Grayling- March and May; Roscommon- April; Mio- TBA. Summer classes TBA soon. Call now: (989) 344-2470 or (989) 732-8332. (-10-17-24/3/4)

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8. Announcements

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM 2005

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners and the Crawford County Housing Commission are seeking public comments for the submission of a 2005 Housing Preservation Grant Program (HPG). Written comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2005 and should be mailed to: Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707. A statement of activities proposed within the grant will be available to the public at the Crawford County Housing Commission Office, 203 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

FREE CLASSES in Financial Management, Budgeting and Credit Repair starting in March.
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9. Personals

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Juanita Bilinski

DRIVER'S TRAINING and road testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the April 19 or June 20 class. Contact Howard Lehti 348-8838. Lowest rates in Northern Michigan. (-10-17-24-3-10-17-24-7-14/4)

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SPRING SPECIAL: 5% will hold your choice of building until your ready to build by July 2005. Order your building with a cement floor and get free sealer. Call Tom's Pole Buildings- 800-541-3974. (-2/10/05tf/4)

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AKC BASSET HOUND PUPPIES. \$400 for females, \$350 for males. Ready to go anytime. 231-548-5783. (-3-10/5)

FUTON, EXCELLENT CONDITION: \$70.00, extra large Igloo dog house: \$50.00, Radial arm saw: \$50.00. Call 348-4583. (-10-17/5)

SNOWMOBILE FOR SALE: Ski-Doo, Formula SL, Rotax 500, 1998 with 2,670 miles in like new condition (purple.) \$2,500.00 or best offer. Call Connie 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. (-10-17-24-3/5)

J. DAP CO. JEWELRY SALE: 50% off Celtic Sterling Silver and Italian Charm bracelets. Just in time for Valentines Day! J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave. (-10/5)

J. DAP CO. SALE. 50% off coasters, windchimes, and select jewelry! Don't forget to check out our sale room! Stop by soon! J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-10/5)

TRAILER- Utility Dual-Axle. 14 ft. X 5 ft. X 4 ft. high sides. Removable top bars for canvas top cover. Good condition. John Grayling 989-348-5745. (-10/5)

I HAVE SOME CLEANING equipment for sale. Carpet cleaning, power washer, and 5X9 trailer. 344-0469, ask for Kirk. (-10/5)

AUCTION! FEB. 12 at 10 a.m. Mio, MI. Perry Creek & M-33. Furniture; primitives; lamps; cookie jars; glassware; kitchenalia; housewares; 200lb. ? Anvil; tools; garage related; traps; coins; and more. View website- www.LetsTalkAuction.com. Lets Talk Auction Co.- Auction Acres: (989) 848-5158. (-10/5)

MAPLE BEDFRAME FOR SALE: \$25.00, full size. Headboard and footboard in head shape. (989)348-6708. (-10/5)

FOR SALE 89 Ford Ranger, \$475. Snowblower elec. start, \$525. Gas stove, \$75. Wall furnace, \$200. Space heater oil, \$200. 989-344-2270. (-10/21/04tf/5)

FOR SALE: 2004 Harley-Davidson 1200 Custom. Deluxe saddlebags, engine guard, sissy bar/luggage rack. Vivid black. Security system, extended warranty, nice bike. \$10,000.00. 989-821-8535 (-10-17/5)

FOR SALE: 2001 PONTIAC Aztec GT. Leather, power heated seats, CD & cassette, power roof, wheels, air, cruise, tilt, heads up display, still in warranty. \$12,900 989-348-8659, leave message. (-1/27/05tf/5)

1999 SALEM LITE 24' Travel Trailer. Sleeps 6, good condition. Call 348-2565. (-10/5)

6. Wanted

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The Crawford County Transportation Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase and installation of an Automatic Vehicle Locator system for a fleet of 15 passenger transport vehicles. Vendors must be capable of providing information enabling CCTA management to observe an operational version of the system they are attempting to market.

Interested vendors are to submit a notice of their intention to bid no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005. Notification is to be submitted in writing and mailed to: AVL Project, Crawford County Transportation Authority, 4276 West North Down River Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Questions may be directed to: David Frederick at 989-348-8215.

The CCTA encourages Women's Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in this bidding process

11. Automotive

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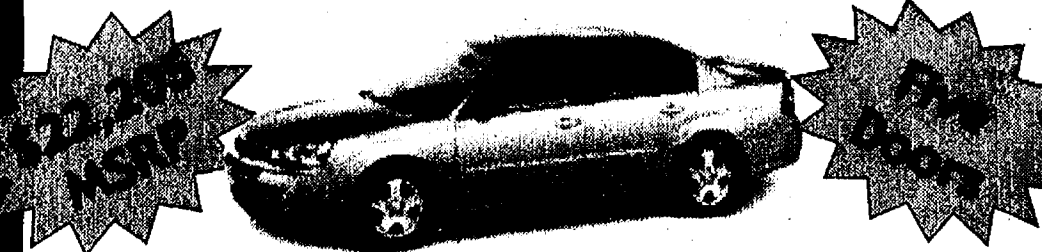
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